The induction of the p53 tumor suppressor protein bridges the apoptotic and autophagic signaling pathways to regulate cell death in prostate cancer cells



**Supplementary Material** 

**Fig S1**: PRIMA-1 does not influence VMY sensitivity in **A**) p53 WT and **B**) p53 null prostate cancer cells. Both cell types were treated with 75 uM PRIMA-1 and either VMY at 10uM or 30uM or 30 uM PVB (purvalanol B) at 30uM for 18 hrs. Cell viability was measured by trypan blue dye exclusion.



**Fig S2**: VMY fails to induce autophagy in PC3 (Left) and DU145 cells (Right) as measured by LC3-GFP fluorescence. 3MA, 3-methyladanine



**Fig S3**: Basal levels of authophagic proteins in DMSO control cells. The effects of 5 uM 3methyladenine(3-MA) or 50 uM chloroquine (CQ) on the autophagic markers p62 and LC3I/II, were assessed in LNCaP cells. Samples were collected at the times shown. The membranes were probed for p62 and LC3I/II, with  $\beta$ -actin as a loading control.





Patient 2: Tumor Derived CRCs



**Fig S4**: Effects of VMY on CRCs from Patients 1 and 2. **A)** Cell viability as measured by trypan blue of patient-matched CRCs following 18hr exposure to 30uM VMY. **B)** Cell cycle effect of 18hr exposure to 30uM VMY as measured by flow cytometry. \* p < 0.05.



**Fig S5**: Induction of p53 and autophagy in primary prostate cancer CRCs from Patient 2 tretaed with 30uM VMY for 18 hours. **A)** Westen blot showing induction of p53 levels by VMY. **B)** Photomicrographs of LNCaP cells stained with acridine orange (AO) and treated with DMSO (top row) or 30 uM VMY (bottom row) for 18 hrs.The cells were imaged on a Zeiss LSM510 Meta microscope using a 488 nm dichroic mirror and a 525/50 bandpass filter to visualize cytoplasmic- and membrane- associated AO (green, left panels) and a 700 nm short pass filter using a metadetector of 651/42 emission filter to visualize protonated AO in acidic vesicles (orange, middle panels) and as merged images (green and orange, right panels)