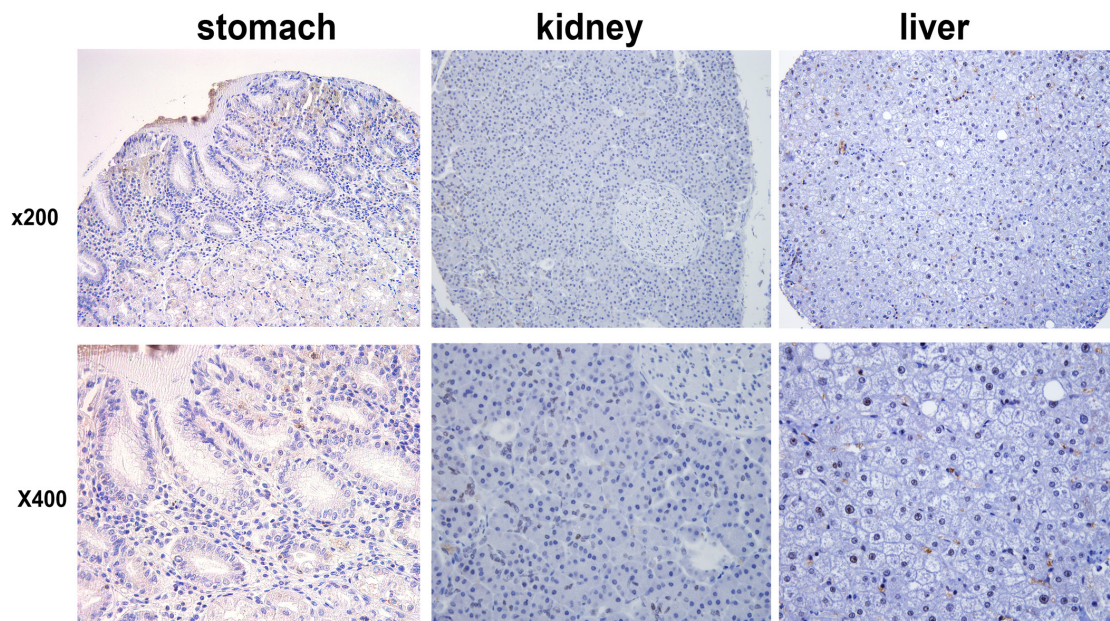
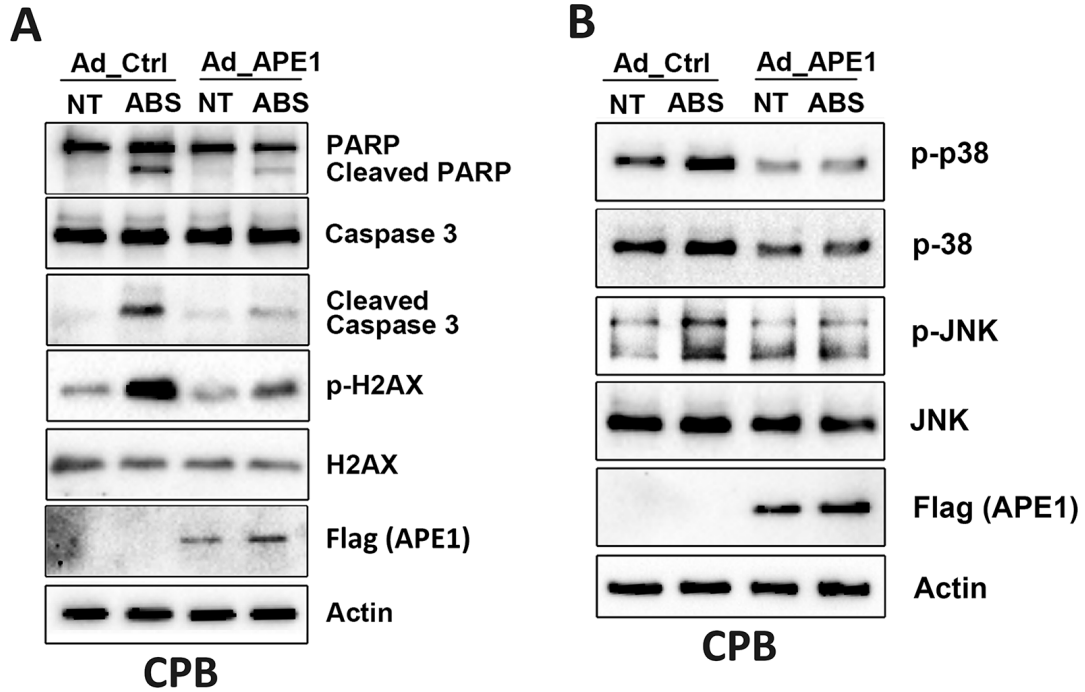


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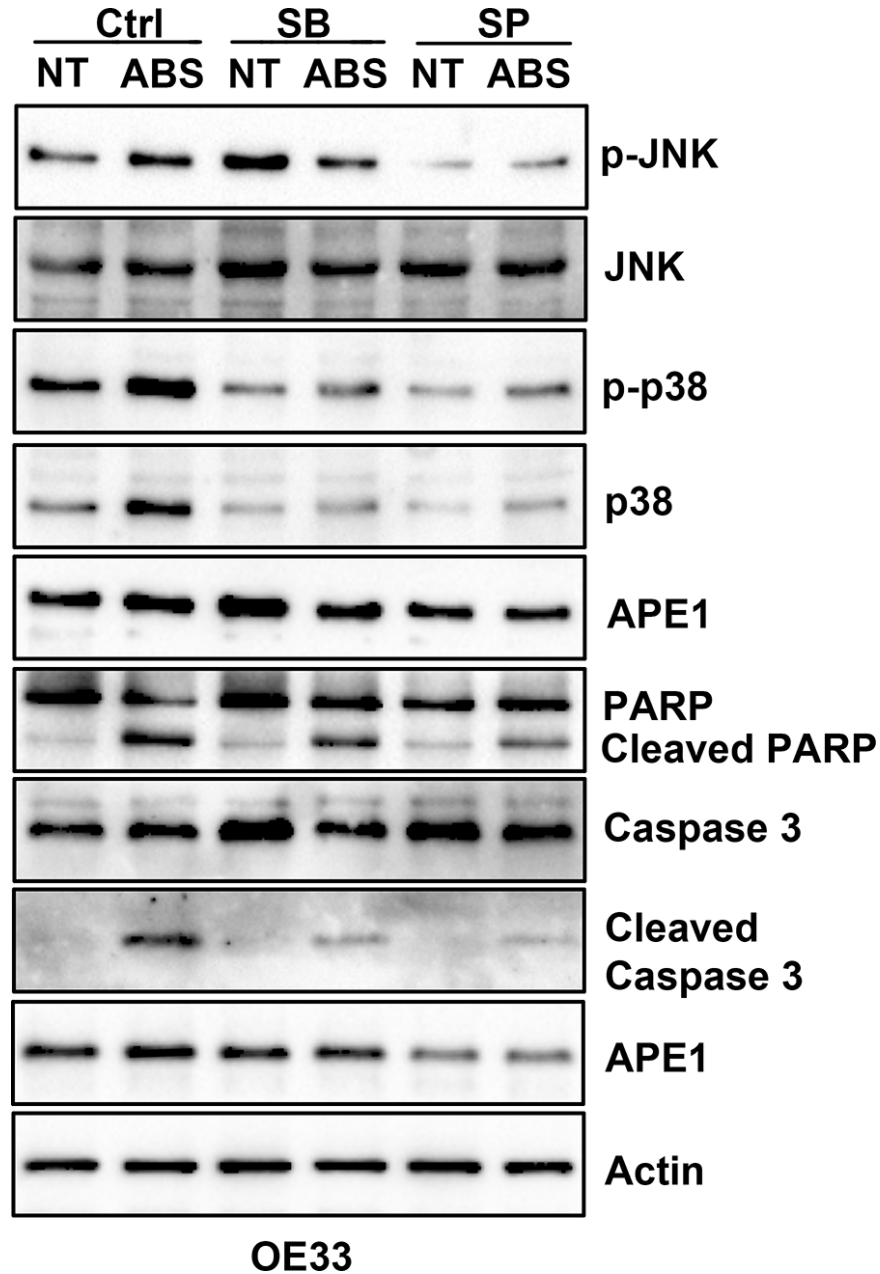
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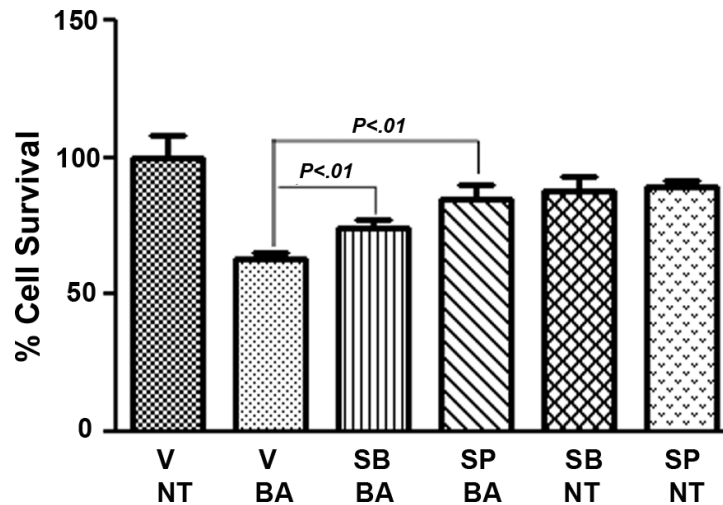
**Supplementary Figure S1: Evaluation of APE1 IHC staining in human normal tissues IHC staining for APE1 in normal human stomach, kidney, and liver tissues.** Normal stomach and kidney are negative for APE1 immunostaining, whereas normal liver has weak nuclear staining in few cells.



**Supplementary Figure S2: APE1 suppresses acidic bile salts-induced DNA damage and apoptosis through regulation JNK and p38 signaling in HGD.** CPB cells (HGD) were non-treated or treated with acidic bile salts (200  $\mu$ M, pH 4) for 30 min, followed by recovery in complete media for 3 h. Cell lysates were subjected to Western blot analyses of the indicated proteins (panels A and B). These data suggest that APE1 prosurvival function also occurs in HGD cells, similar to EAC cells.



**Supplementary Figure S3: Acidic bile salts-induced apoptotic cell death requires activation of JNK and p38 kinases in OE33 cells.** OE33 cells were non-treated or treated with acidic bile salts (200  $\mu$ M, pH 4) alone or in combination with a JNK inhibitor, SP600125 (SP) (2.5  $\mu$ M), a p38 inhibitor, SB203580 (SB) (2.5  $\mu$ M), or vehicle DMSO (V) for 30 min, followed by recovery in complete media for 3 h post-treatments. Cell lysates were then subjected to Western blot analyses of the indicated proteins.



**Supplementary Figure S4: Inhibition of JNK or p38 kinases protects against acidic bile salts-induced cell death in EAC cells.** OE33 cells were non-treated or treated with acidic bile salts (200  $\mu$ M, pH 4) alone or in combination with JNK inhibitor SP (2.5  $\mu$ M), p38 inhibitor SB (2.5  $\mu$ M) or vehicle DMSO (V) for 30 min, followed by recovery in complete media for 24 h post-treatments. Cell lysates were then subjected to the CellTiter-Glo<sup>®</sup> Luminescent Cell Viability Assay.

**Supplementary Table S1: Immunohistochemistry analysis of APE1 expression levels on esophageal tissue microarrays**

	CES Score		
	0–3	4–8	9–12
NG	9	1	0
NE	17	2	0
BE	17	5	0
BD	2	7	2
EAC**	60	36	34

CES [1], composite expression score; NG, normal gastric; NE, normal esophagus; BE, non-dysplastic Barrett’s esophagus; BD, Barrett’s dysplasia; EAC, esophageal adenocarcinoma. \*\* $P < .01$ .

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