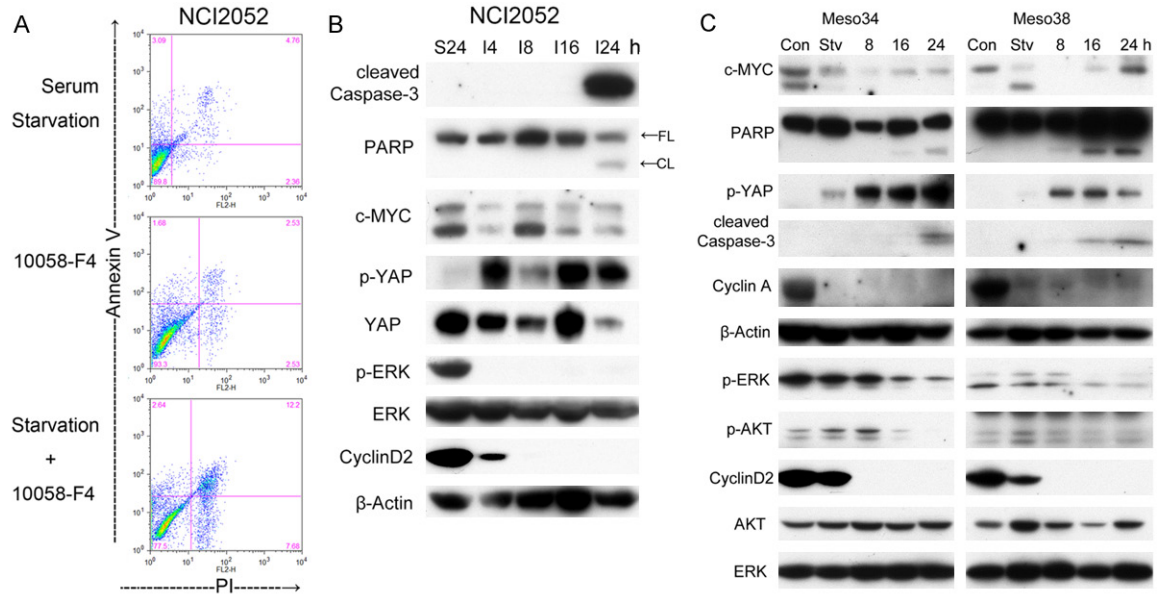
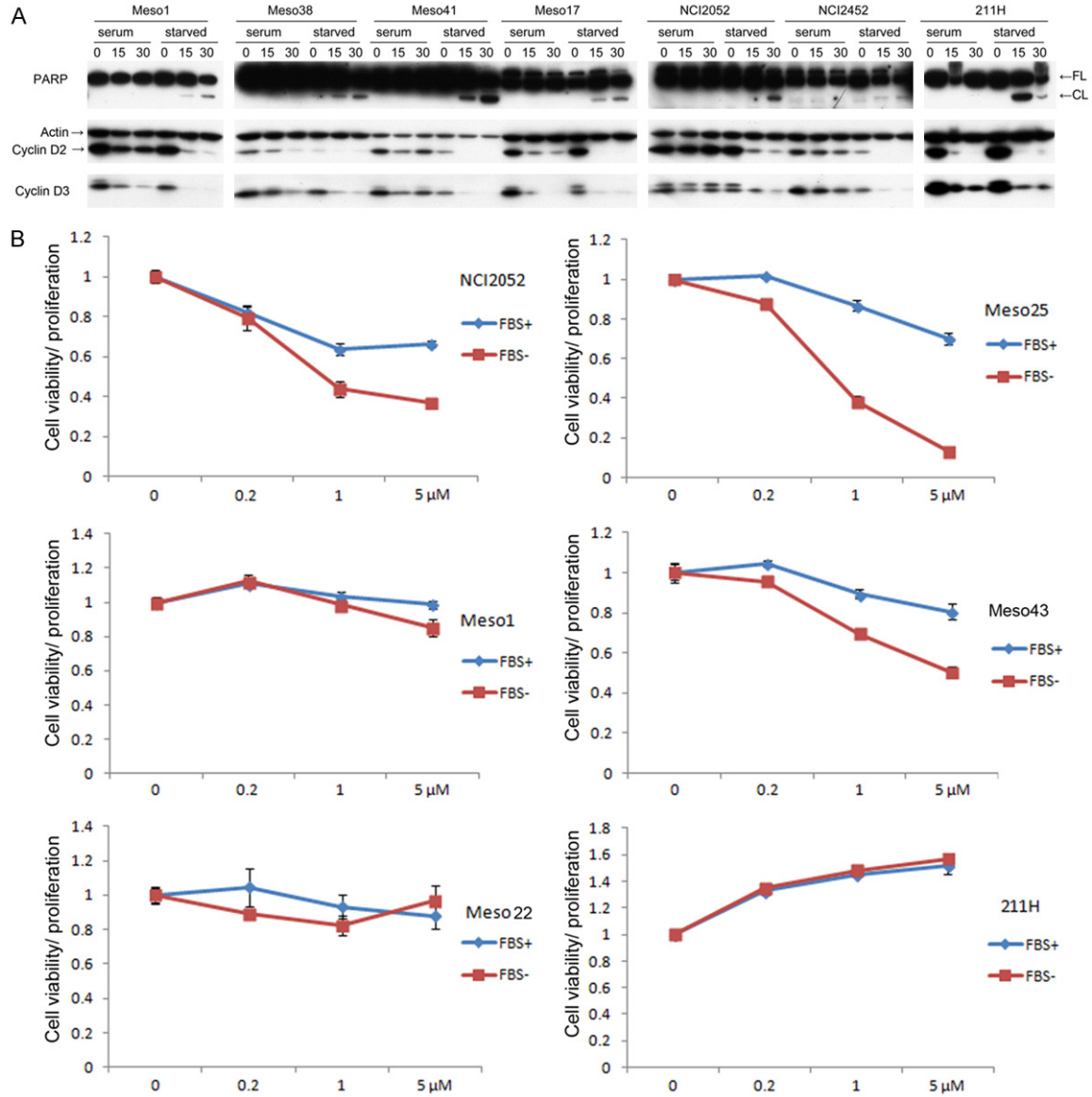


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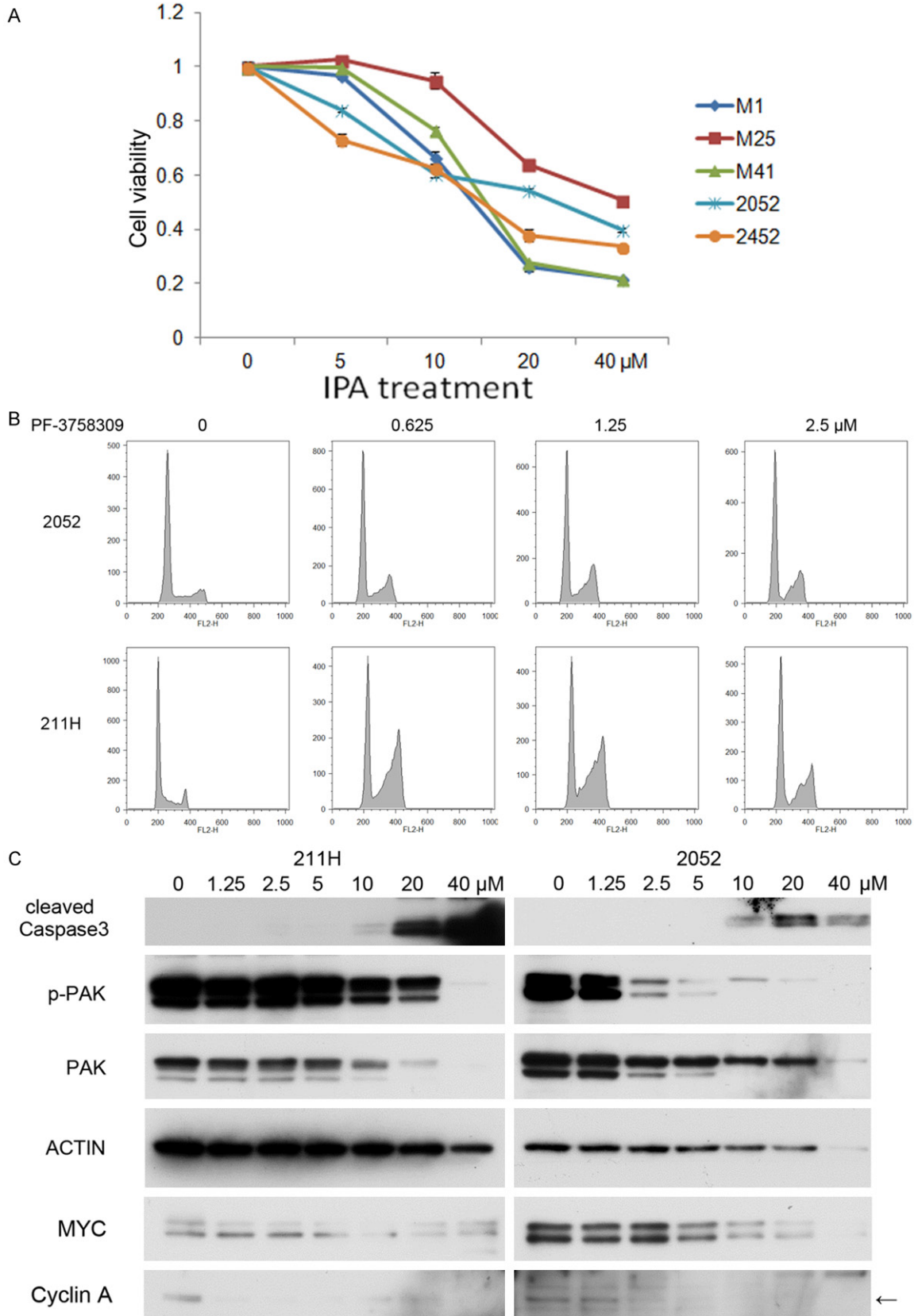
**Figure S1.** MYC inhibitor 10058-F4 triggers apoptosis in MM cells under serum starvation conditions. **A.** MM cell line NCI-2052 was treated with 10058-F4 plus serum starvation. Membrane integrity was monitored by FACS. **B.** Western blot analysis was performed to assess activation of caspase-3, inactivation of YAP, and expression of cyclin D2 in NCI-2052 and in **(C)** Meso34 and Meso38 cells.

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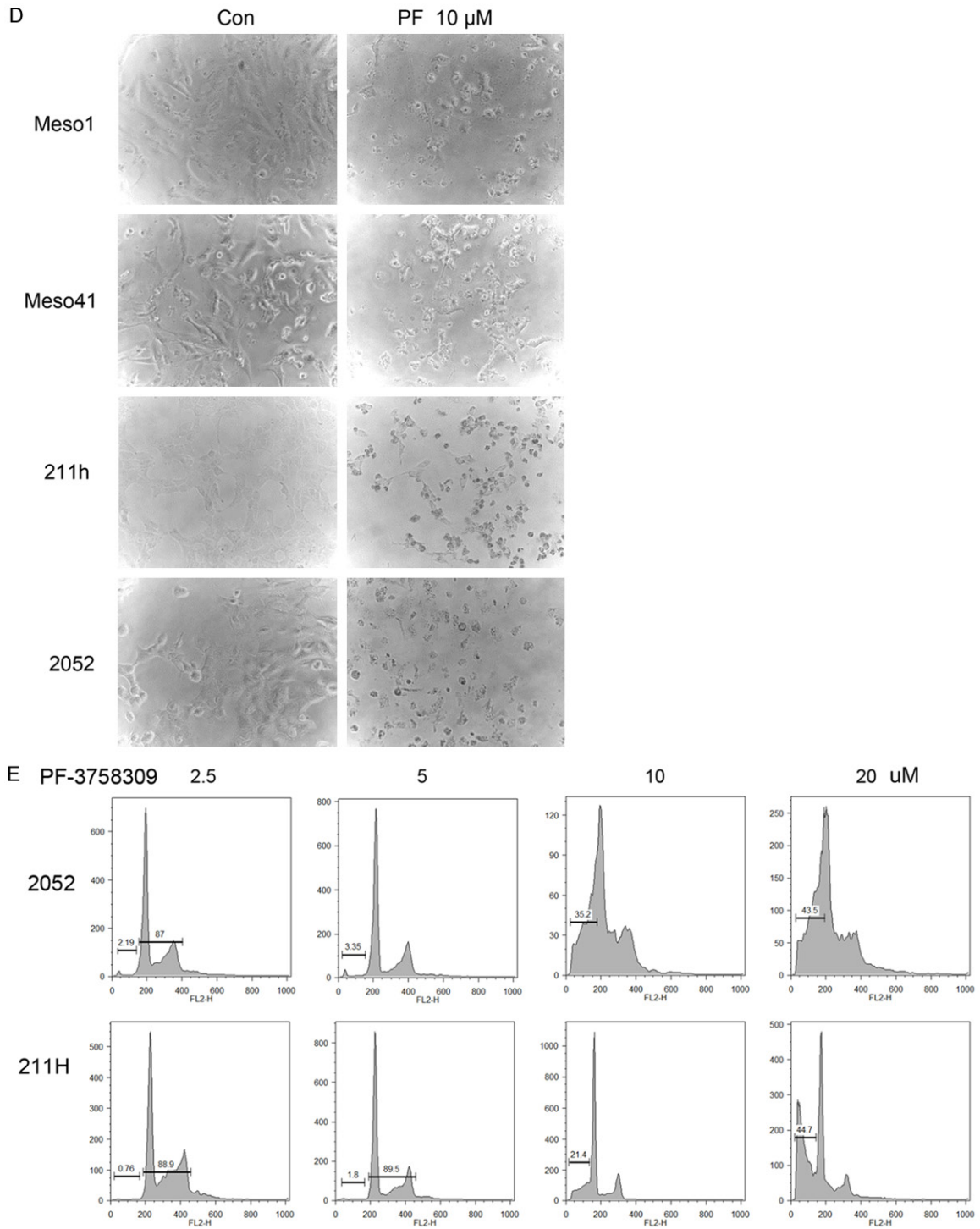


**Figure S2.** MYC inhibitor 10074-G5 and BRD4/MYC inhibitor JQ1 induces cell death under serum starvation conditions. A. MM cells were treated with 10074-G5 at 40  $\mu$ M for 24 h under normal or serum-depleted culture conditions. Immunoblotting was performed to evaluate the expression of Cyclin D2, D3 as well as PARP cleavage. B. MM cells were treated with BRD4 inhibitor JQ1 at the indicated concentration for 36 h, with or without serum. MTS assay was performed to evaluate cell viability.

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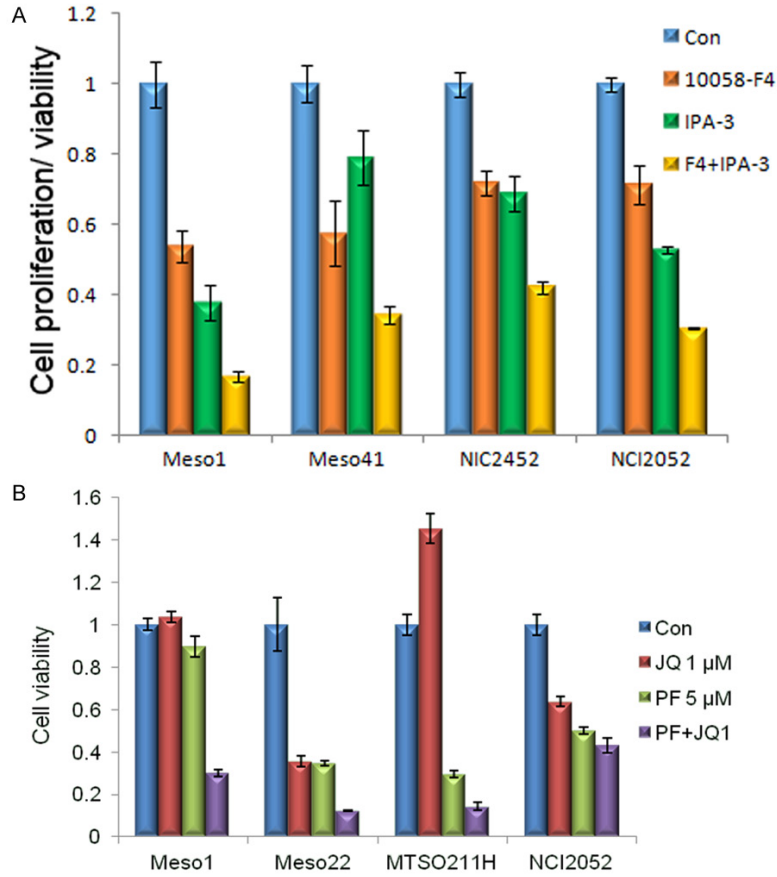


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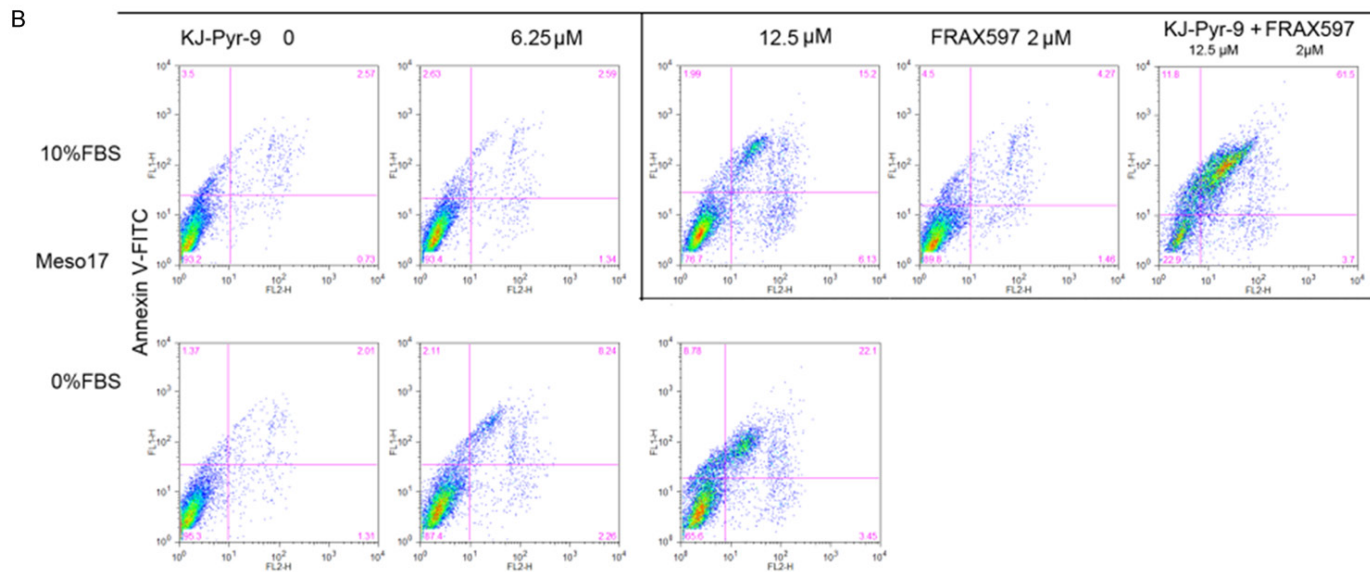
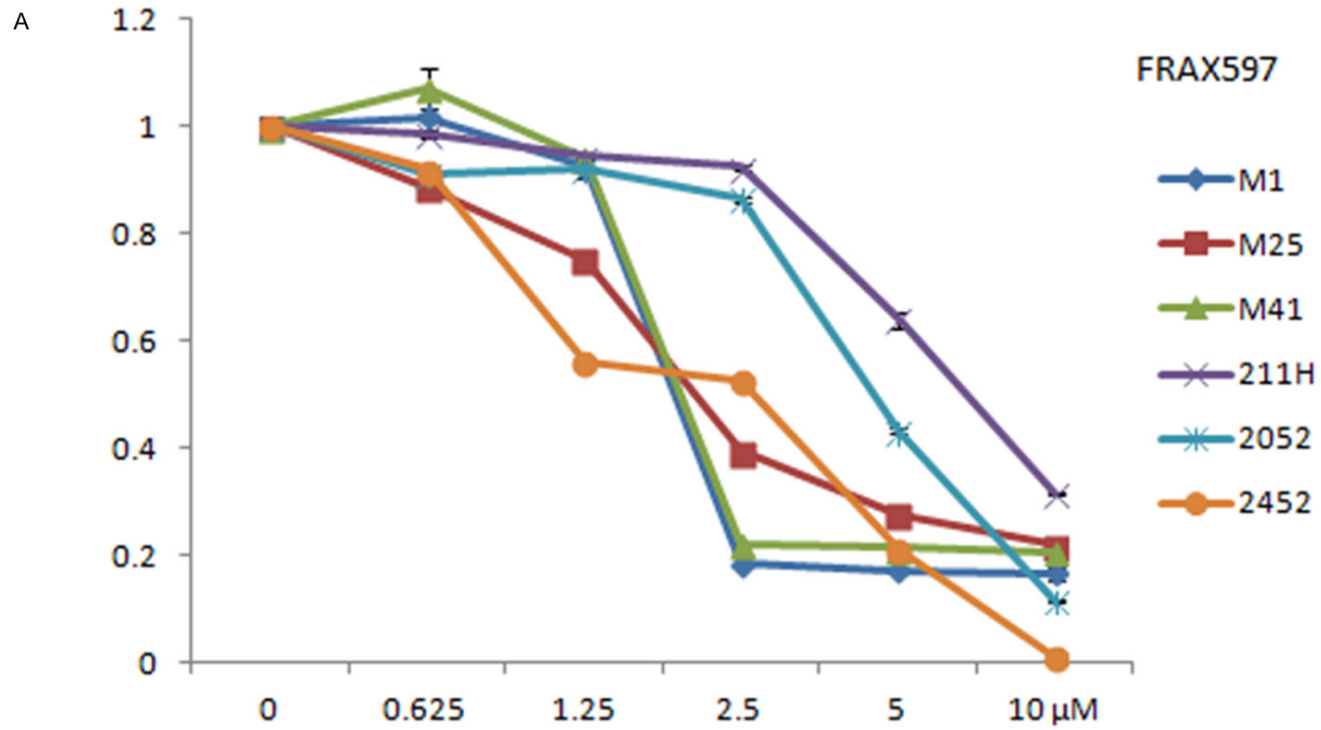
**Figure S3.** PAK inhibitors reduces viability of MM cells. A. Meso1, Meso25, Meso41, NCI-2052, NCI-2452 lines were treated with IPA-3 at the indicated concentration, and MTS activity was measured after 24 h. B. NCI-2052 and MSTO211H cells were treated with PF3758309 at the indicated concentrations for 20 h, and cell cycles were analyzed by FACS. C. PF3758309 induces apoptosis in a dose dependent manner. Cells were treated with PF3758309 at the indicated concentrations for 24 h, and the caspase3 cleavage was shown by western blotting. D. NCI2052 and MSTO211H cells treated with 10  $\mu$ M PF3758309, and cell morphology was assessed 20 h after treatment. E. sub-G1 populations were visualized by FACS.

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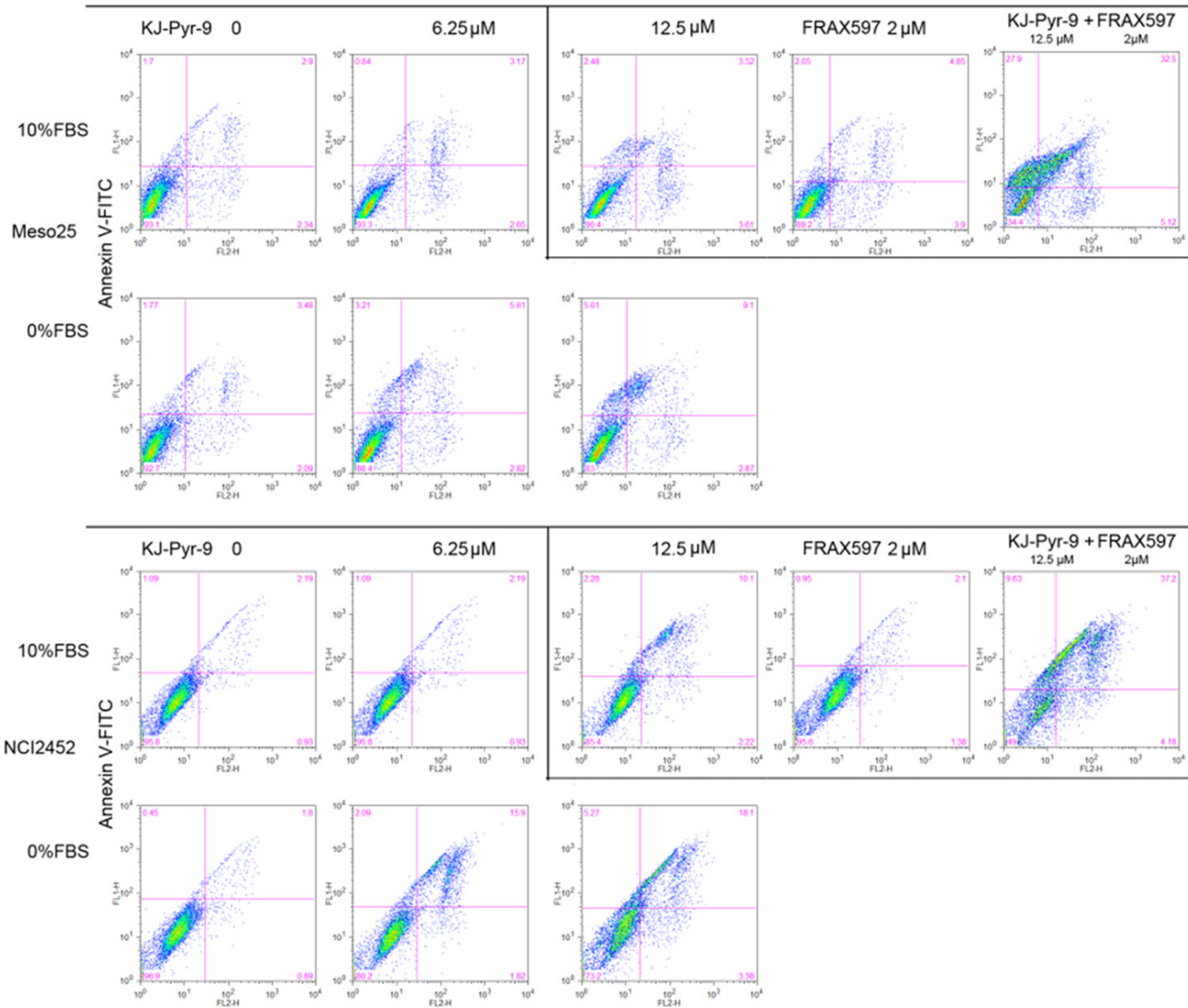
**Figure S4.** Different MYC inhibitors cooperate with different PAK inhibitors to suppress cell viability. A. MST assay of cell proliferation/viability when cells are treated the 40  $\mu$ M 10058-F4 and 15  $\mu$ M IPA-3, either alone or in combination for 24 h. B. MM cells were treated with BRD4/MYC inhibitor JQ1 either alone or in combination with PF3758309. Cell viability was measured after 24 h.

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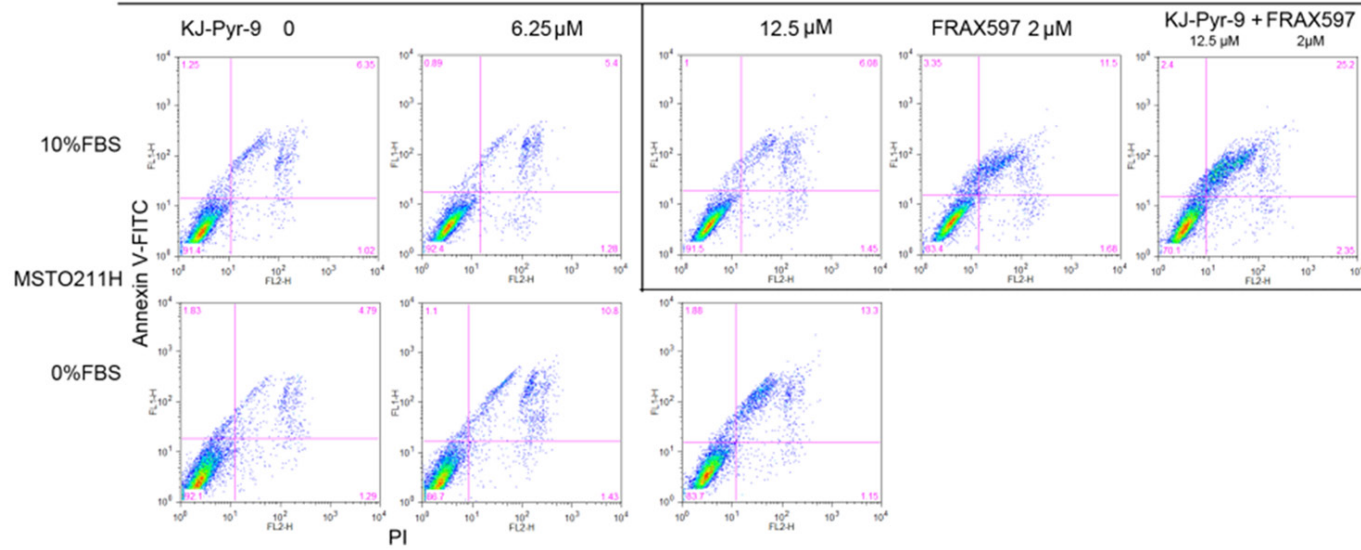




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**Figure S5.** A novel MYC inhibitor KJ-Pyr-9 boosts FRAX597- induced apoptosis in MM cells. A. MM cells were added with PAK inhibitor PRAX597 at the indicated concentration and MTS activity was measured after 48hr. B. AnnexinV/PI staining of MM cells when treated with KJ-Pyr-9 alone or in combination with FRAX597, or under serum starvation conditions.