

Figure S1. Erastin induces MAP1LC3B puncta formation, Related to Figure 1. Analysis of MAP1LC3B puncta formation in HCT116 (20 μ M, 6 h), CX-1 (20 μ M, 6 h), and HT1080 (10 μ M, 6 h) cells by image analysis. Images were acquired digitally from a randomly selected pool of 10 fields under each condition. **(A)** Representative images (green, MAP1LC3B; blue, nucleus). **(B)** Quantitative analysis of MAP1LC3B puncta per cell (*, $P < 0.05$ versus control group, t test). **(C)** Western blot analysis of MAP1LC3B protein expression in PANC1 and Calu-1 cells under normal cell culture condition for 24 hours.

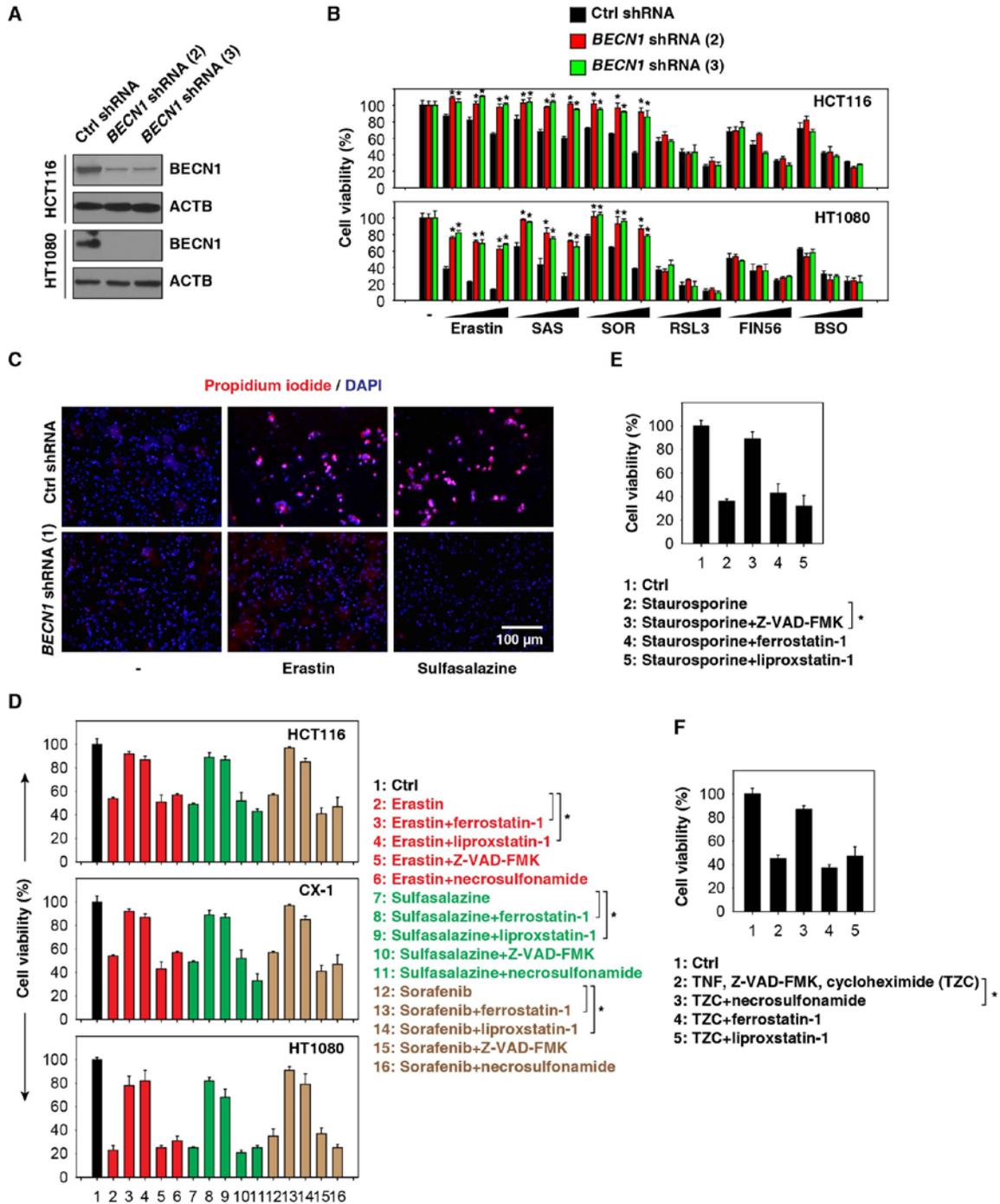


Figure S2. BECN1 is required for system X_c^- inhibitor-induced ferroptosis, Related to Figure 1. (A) Western blot analysis of BECN1 expression in BECN1-knockdown cells. (B) Knockdown of BECN1 inhibited erastin (20 μ M)-, sulfasalazine (SAS, 1 mM)-, and sorafenib (SOR, 10 μ M)-induced cell death, but not RSL3 (1 μ M)-, FIN56 (5 μ M)- and buthionine sulfoximine (BSO, 100 μ M)-induced cell death at 24, 48, and 72 h (n=3, *,

$P < 0.05$ versus control group, t test). **(C)** Analysis of cell death by propidium iodide staining (red) in indicated HT1080 cells with or without erastin (5 μM) and sulfasalazine (1 mM) for 24 hours. **(C)** The indicated BECN1-overexpressing cells were treated with erastin (20 μM for HCT116 and CX-1 cells; 5 μM for HT1080 cells) in the absence or presence of Z-VAD-FMK (20 μM), ferrostatin-1 (500 nM), liproxstatin-1 (200 nM), and necrosulfonamide (1 μM) for 24 h. Cell viability was assayed ($n=3$, $*p < 0.05$, t -test). **(D)** HCT116 cells were treated with staurosporine (1 μM) in the absence or presence of Z-VAD-FMK (20 μM), ferrostatin-1 (500 nM), and liproxstatin-1 for 24 h. Cell viability was assayed ($n=3$, $*p < 0.05$, t -test). **(E)** HCT116 cells were treated with TZC (TNF [50 nM], Z-VAD-FMK [20 μM], cycloheximide [10 $\mu\text{g/ml}$]) in the absence or presence of necrosulfonamide (1 μM), ferrostatin-1 (500 nM), and liproxstatin-1 for 24 h. Cell viability was assayed ($n=3$, $*p < 0.05$, t -test).

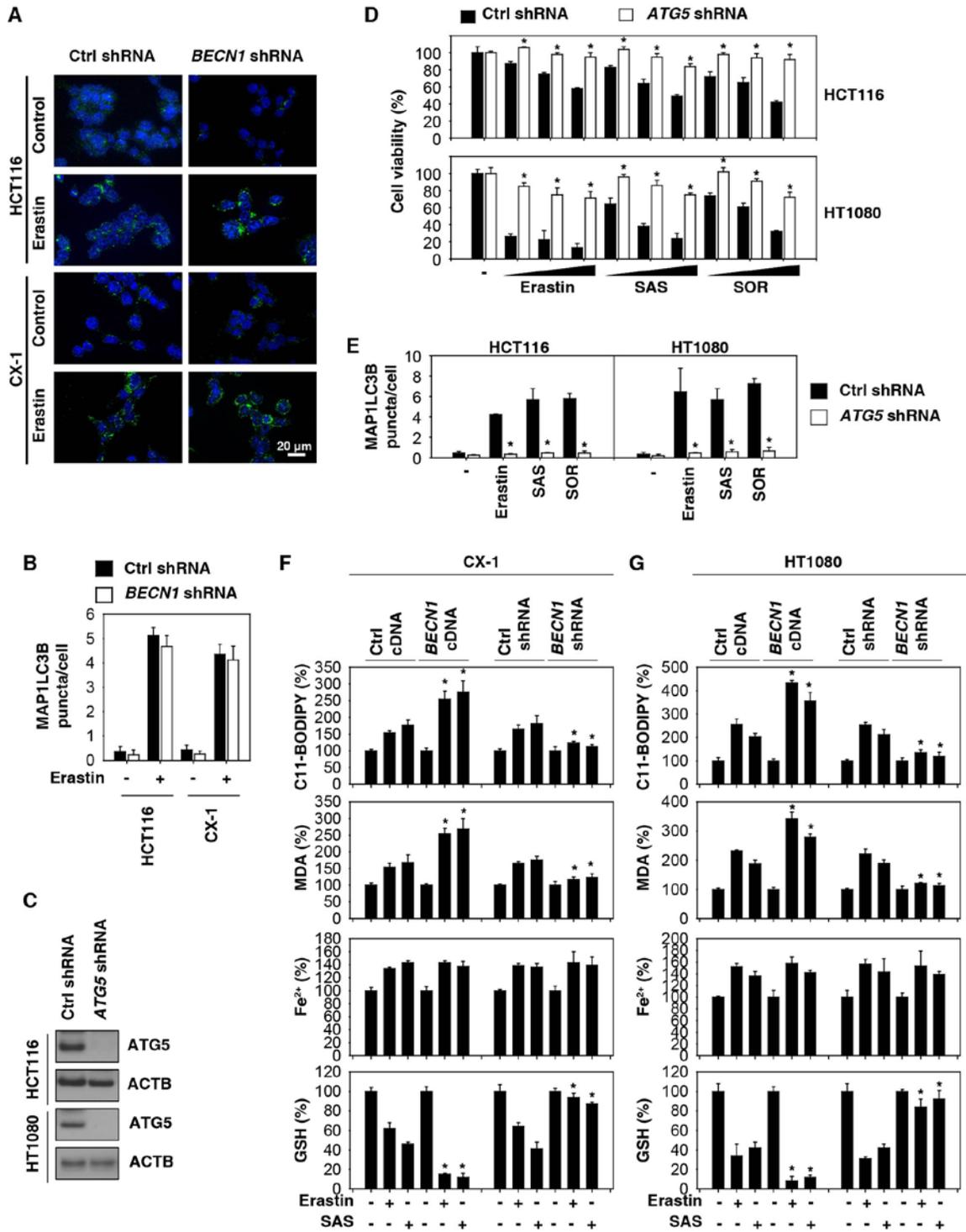


Figure S3. Effects of BECN1 and ATG5 on ferroptosis and autophagy, Related to Figure 2. (A) Representative images (green, MAP1LC3B; blue, nucleus) of erastin (20

μM , 6 h)-induced MAP1LC3B puncta formation in HCT116 and CX-1 cells by image analysis. **(B)** Quantitative analysis of MAP1LC3B puncta per cell in panel A. Images were acquired digitally from a randomly selected pool of 10 fields under each condition. **(C)** Western blot analysis of ATG5 expression in ATG5-knockdown cells. **(D)** Knockdown of ATG5 inhibited erastin (20 μM for HCT116 cells; 5 μM for HT1080 cells)-, sulfasalazine (SAS, 1 mM)-, and sorafenib (SOR, 10 μM)-induced cell death at 24, 48, and 72 h ($n=3$, *, $P<0.05$ versus control shRNA group, t test). **(E)** Knockdown of ATG5 inhibited erastin (20 μM for HCT116 cells; 5 μM for HT1080 cells)-, sulfasalazine (1 mM)-, and sorafenib (10 μM)-induced MAP1LC3B puncta formation (*, $P<0.05$ versus control shRNA group, t test). **(F)** The indicated CX-1 cells were treated with erastin (20 μM) or sulfasalazine (SAS, 1 mM) for 24 h. The relative levels of C11-BODIPY, MDA, Fe^{2+} , and GSH were assayed ($n=3$, *, $P<0.05$ versus control group, t test). **(G)** The indicated HT1080 cells were treated with erastin (5 μM) or sulfasalazine (1 mM) for 24 h. The relative levels of C11-BODIPY, MDA, Fe^{2+} , and GSH were assayed ($n=3$, *, $P<0.05$ versus control group, t test).

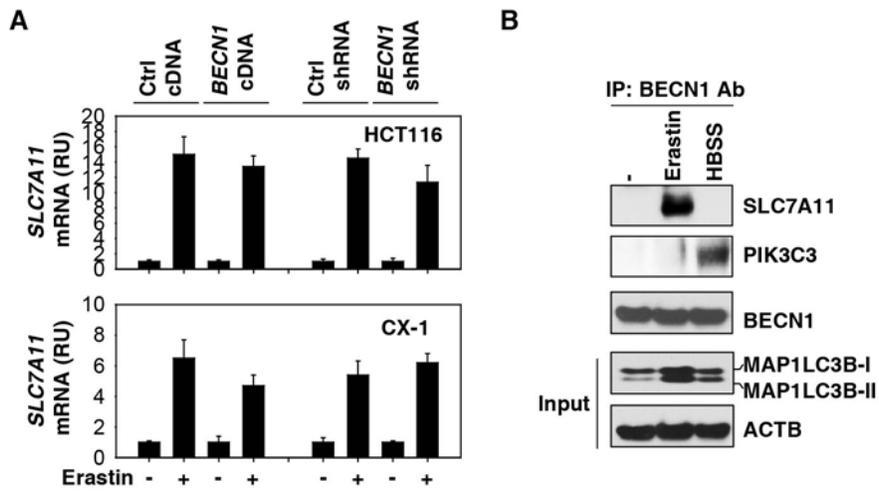


Figure S4. BECN1 protein complex in ferroptosis and autophagy, Related to Figure 3. (A) The indicated HCT116 and CX-1 cells were treated with erastin (20 μ M) for 24 h. The relative mRNA levels of *SLC7A11* were assayed (n=3). RU, relative units. (B) IP analysis of BECN1-SLC7A11 and BECN1-PIK3C3 formation in HCT116 cells following erastin (20 μ M, 24 h) or HBSS (6 h) treatment.

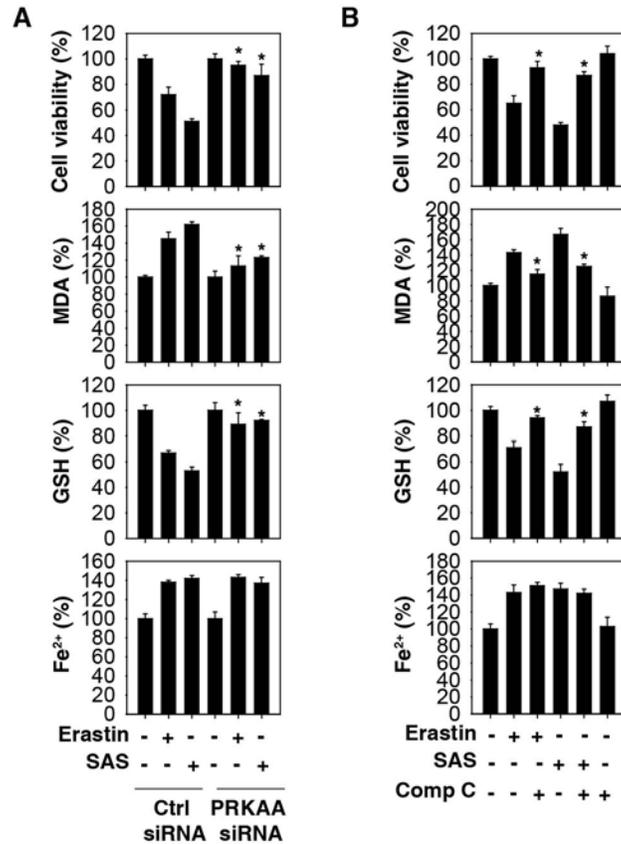


Figure S5. AMPK is required for System X_c⁻ inhibitor-induced ferroptosis, Related to Figure 5. (A) Analysis of the levels of cell viability, MDA, GSH, and Fe²⁺ in the indicated CX-1 cells following erastin (20 μM) or sulfasalazine (SAS, 1 mM) treatment for 24 h (n=3, *, P<0.05 versus control group, *t* test). (B) Analysis of the levels of cell viability, MDA, GSH, and Fe²⁺ in CX-1 cells following erastin (20 μM) or sulfasalazine (1 mM) treatment with or without compound C (Comp C, 1 μM) for 24 h (n=3, *, P<0.05 versus erastin or SAS group, *t* test).

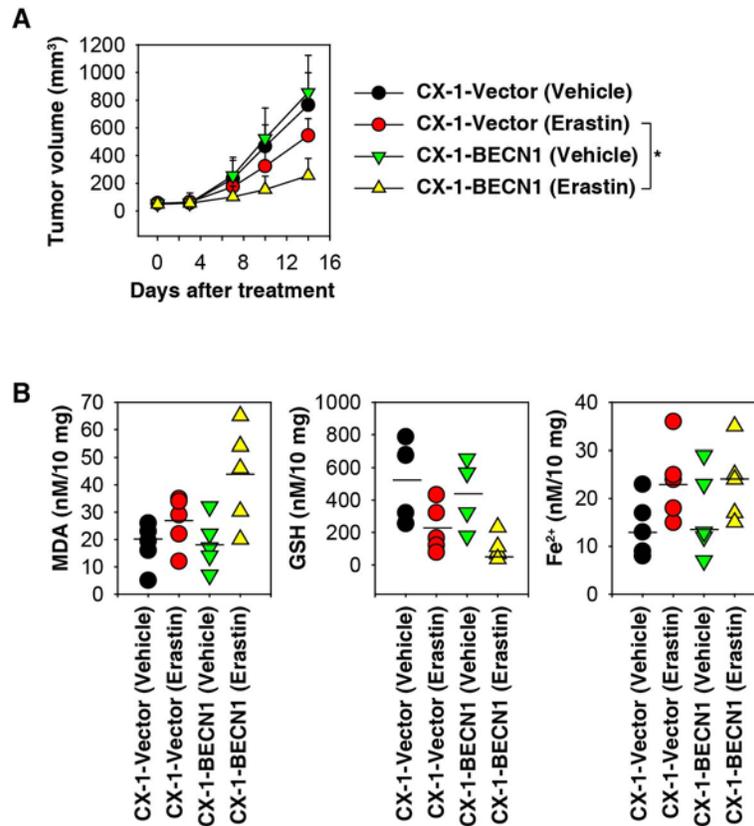


Figure S6. BECN1 contributes to the anticancer activity of erastin *in vivo*, Related to Figure 6. (A) Athymic nude mice were injected subcutaneously with the indicated CX-1 cells and treated with erastin (40 mg/kg/intraperitoneal injection, once every day) at day 7 for two weeks. Tumor volume was calculated weekly (n=5 mice/group, * p < 0.05, ANOVA LSD test). (B) In parallel, MDA, GSH, and Fe²⁺ levels in the isolated tumors at day 14 after treatment were assayed (n=5 mice/group).

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| Human SLC7A11 Q-PCR primers: 5'-TCCTGCTTTGGCTCCATGAACG-3' and 5'- AGAGGAGTGTGCTTGCGGACAT-3' | Sigma-Aldrich | This paper |
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| Human FTH1 Q-PCR primers: 5'- TGAAGCTGCAGAACCAACGAGG-3' and 5'- GCACACTCCATTGCATTCAGCC-3' | Sigma-Aldrich | This paper |
| Human FTL Q-PCR primers: 5'-TACGAGCGTCTCCTGAAGATGC-3' and 5'- GGTTCAGCTTTTTCTCCAGGGC-3' | Sigma-Aldrich | This paper |
| Human TFRC Q-PCR primers: 5'- ATCGGTTGGTGCCACTGAATGG-3' and 5'- ACAACAGTGGGCTGGCAGAAAC-3' | Sigma-Aldrich | This paper |
| Human SLC11A2 Q-PCR primers: 5'- AGCTCCACCATGACAGGAACCT-3' and 5'- TGGCAATAGAGCGAGTCAGAACC-3' | Sigma-Aldrich | This paper |
| Human SLC40A1 Q-PCR primers: 5'- GAGACAAGTCCTGAATCTGTGCC-3' and 5'- TTCTTGCAGCAACTGTGTACACAG-3' | Sigma-Aldrich | This paper |
| pcDNA4-Becn1 S15A mutant primers: S15A-F, GCACCATGCAGGTGGCCTTCGTGTGCCAGC; S15A-R, GCTGGCACACGAAGGCCACCTGCATGGTGC | Sigma-Aldrich | This paper |

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Table S1. Primers used for mutant and qPCR, related to STAR Methods