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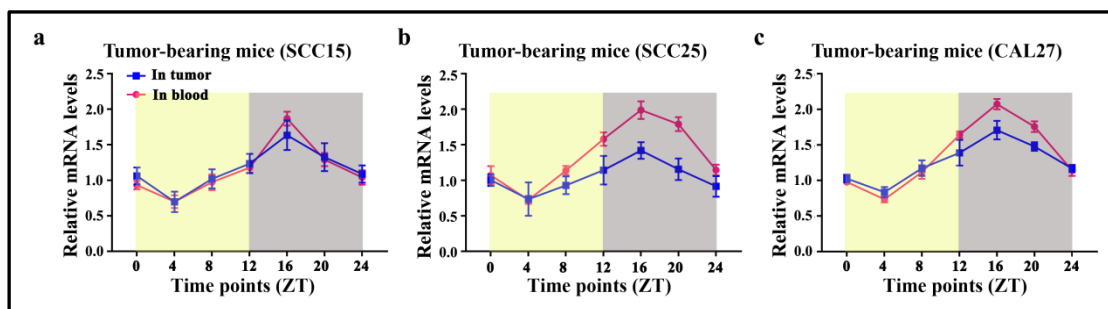
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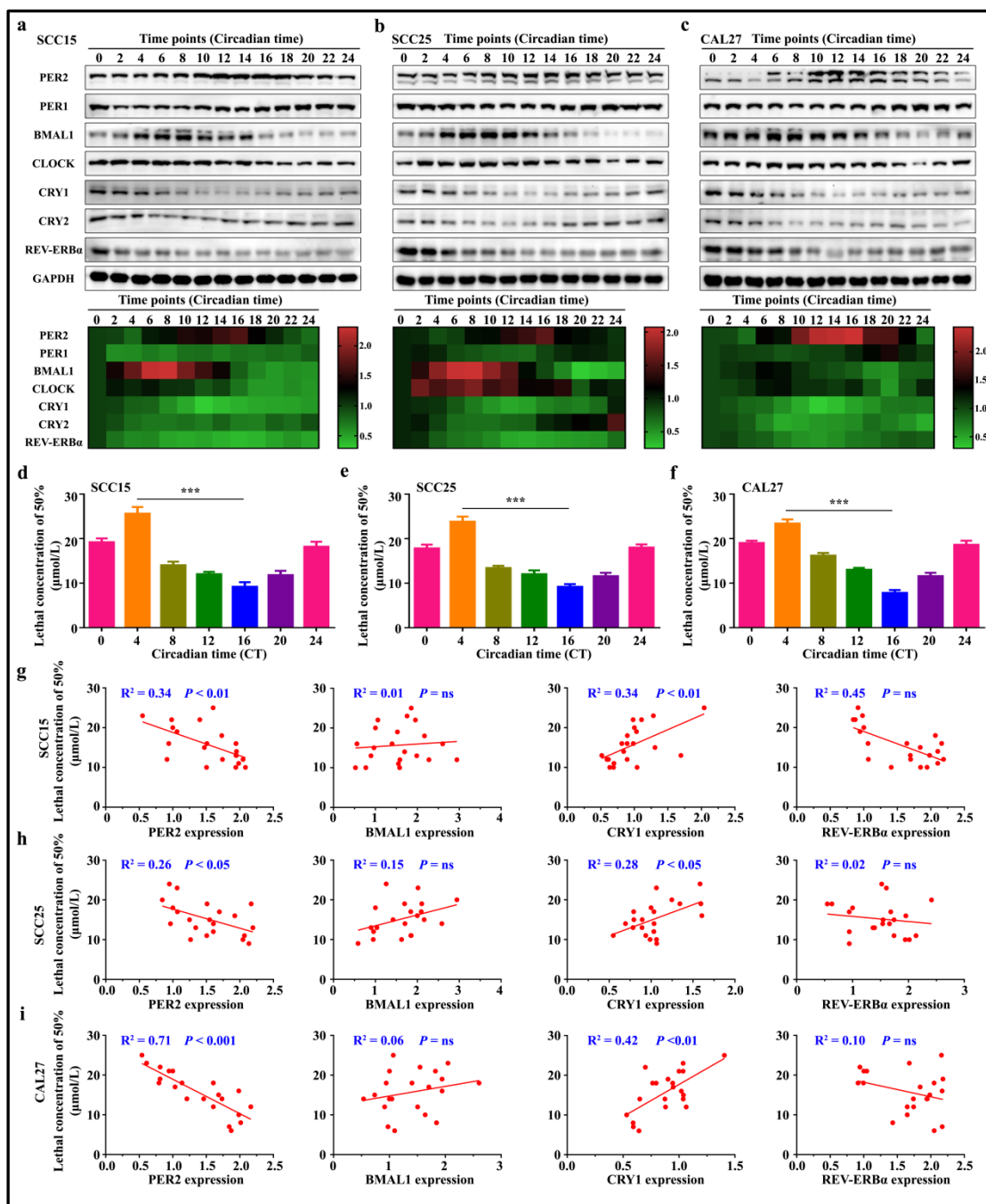
**Figure S1. The circadian pattern of PER2 in xenografts is consistent with its expression oscillation in peripheral blood**

a) A circadian feature of PER2 in the xenografts and blood of tumor-bearing mice (SCC15).

b) A circadian feature of PER2 in the xenografts and blood of tumor-bearing mice (SCC25).

c) A circadian feature of PER2 in the xenografts and blood of tumor-bearing mice (CAL27).

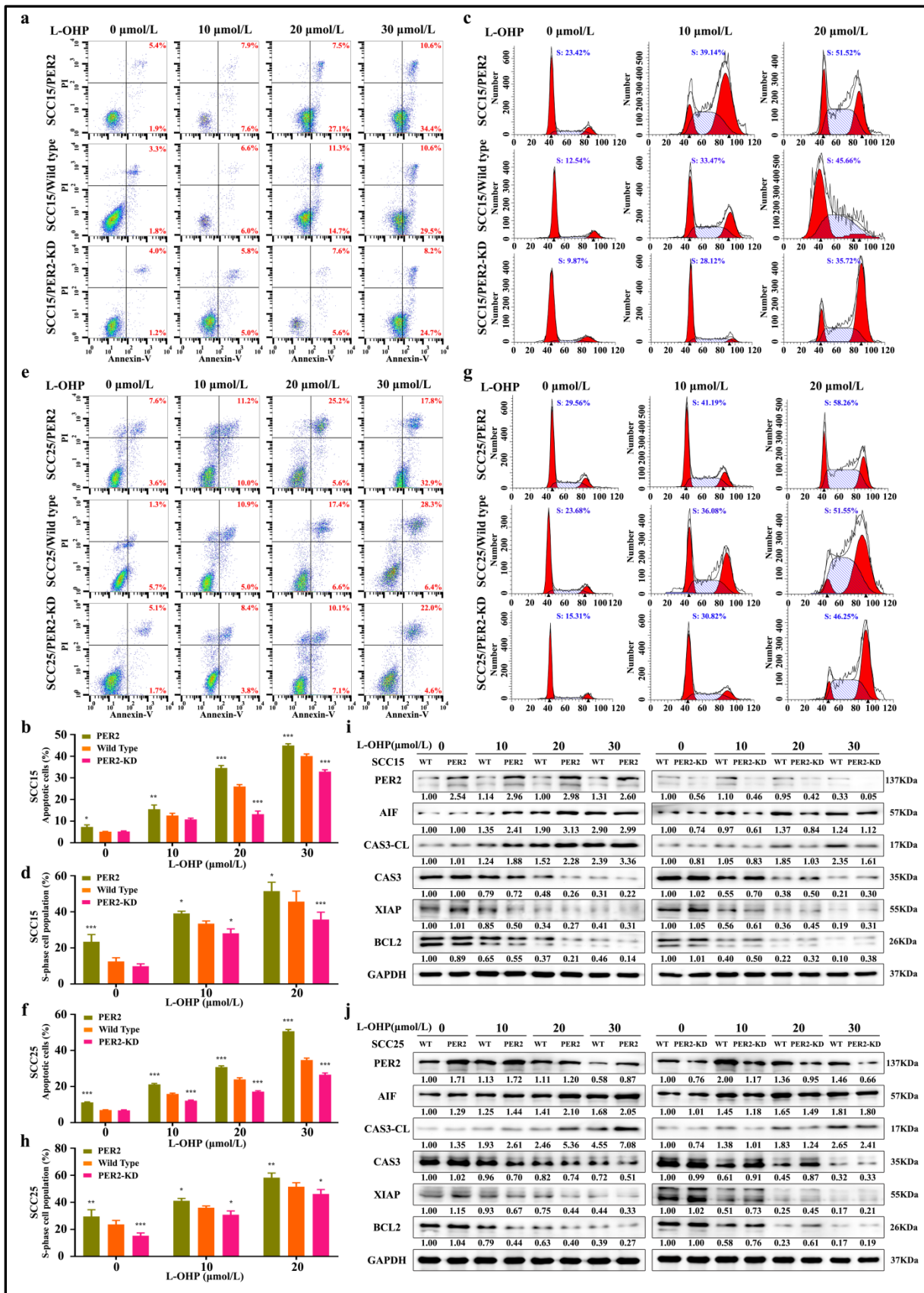
Data represent the mean  $\pm$  SD of 3 animals per group.



**Figure S2. Oxaliplatin chromomodulated efficacy is closely correlated with the diurnal fluctuation of PER2 expression *in vitro***

a-c) Western blot (upper) and densitometric quantification (lower) of PER2, PER1, BMAL1, CLOCK, CRY1, CRY2, REV-ERBa expression levels were measured every two hours over a circadian period in human OSCC cells ( $n = 3$  independent experiments). d-f) The half maximal lethal concentration value ( $LC_{50}$ ) at indicated time points in human OSCC cells ( $n = 5$  independent experiments). \*\*\* $P < 0.001$  (compared with ZT4), from ANOVA and Student's

t-test. g-i) The linear correlation was analyzed by coefficient of determination between PER2, BMAL1, CRY1, and REV-ERB $\alpha$  expression levels and lethal concentration of 50% in human OSCC cells.



**Figure S3. PER2 increases oxaliplatin sensitivity of human OSCC cells**

a and b) Apoptosis was evaluated by flow cytometry of PER2-overexpressing or PER2-

knockdown SCC15 cells treated with oxaliplatin (0, 10, 20 or 30  $\mu\text{mol/L}$ , 48-hr). c and d) Cell-cycle phases were determined by flow cytometry of PER2 overexpressing or knockdown SCC15 cells treated with oxaliplatin (0, 10, or 20  $\mu\text{mol/L}$ , 48-hr). e and f) Apoptosis was evaluated by flow cytometry of PER2 overexpressing or knockdown SCC25 cells treated with oxaliplatin (0, 10, 20 or 30  $\mu\text{mol/L}$ , 48-hr). g and h) Cell-cycle phases were determined by flow cytometry of PER2 overexpressing or knockdown SCC25 cells treated with oxaliplatin (0, 10, or 20  $\mu\text{mol/L}$ , 48-hr). i and j) Western blot of PER2, AIF, CAS3-CL, CAS3, XIAP, BCL2, and GAPDH (for loading controls) in PER2 overexpressing or knockdown SCC15 cells (i) or SCC25 cells (j) treated with 0, 10, 20 or 30  $\mu\text{mol/L}$  oxaliplatin. \* $P < 0.05$ , \*\* $P < 0.01$ , and \*\*\* $P < 0.001$  (compared with wild type). ANOVA was used. Data represent the mean  $\pm$  SD of three independent experiments.

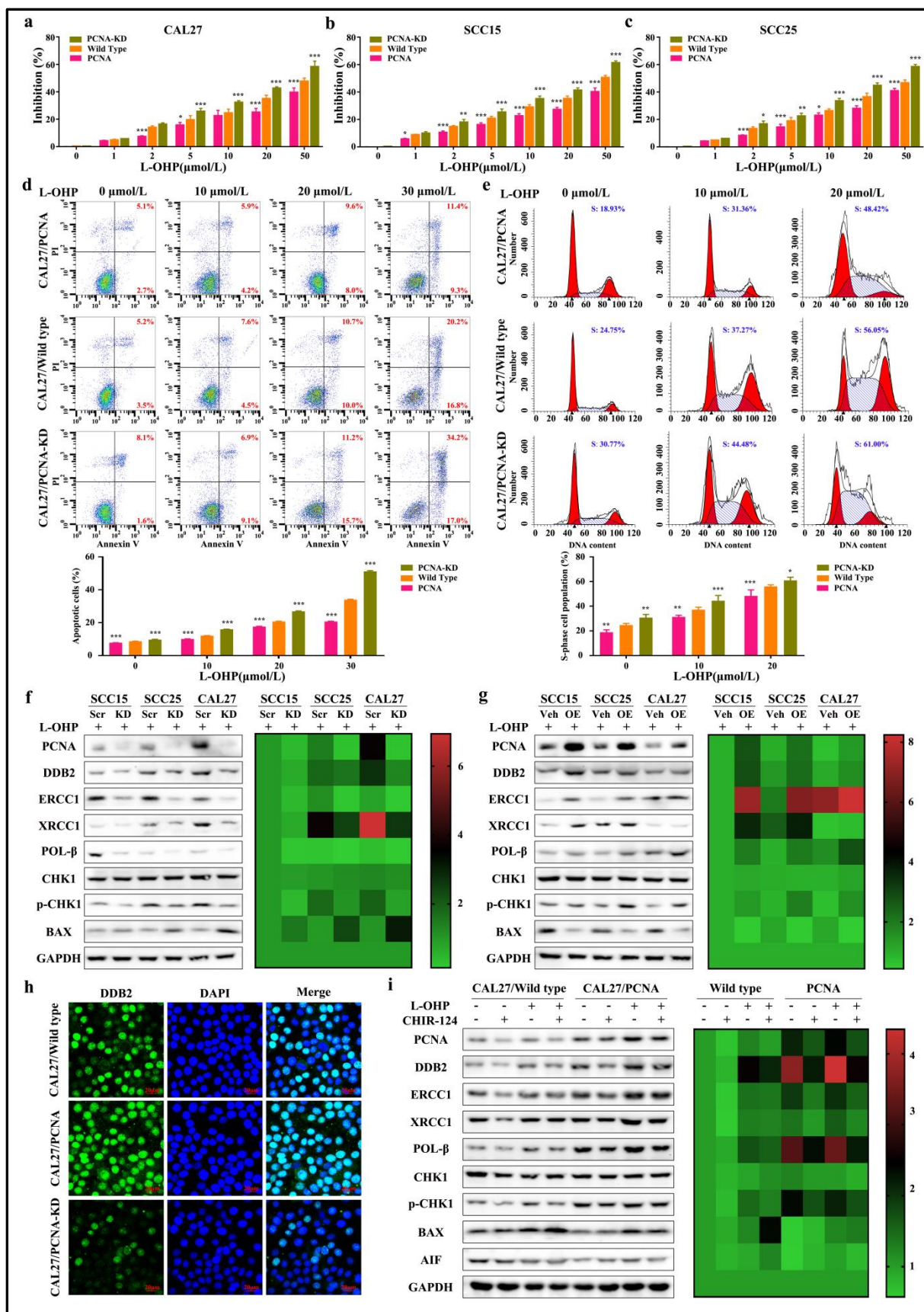
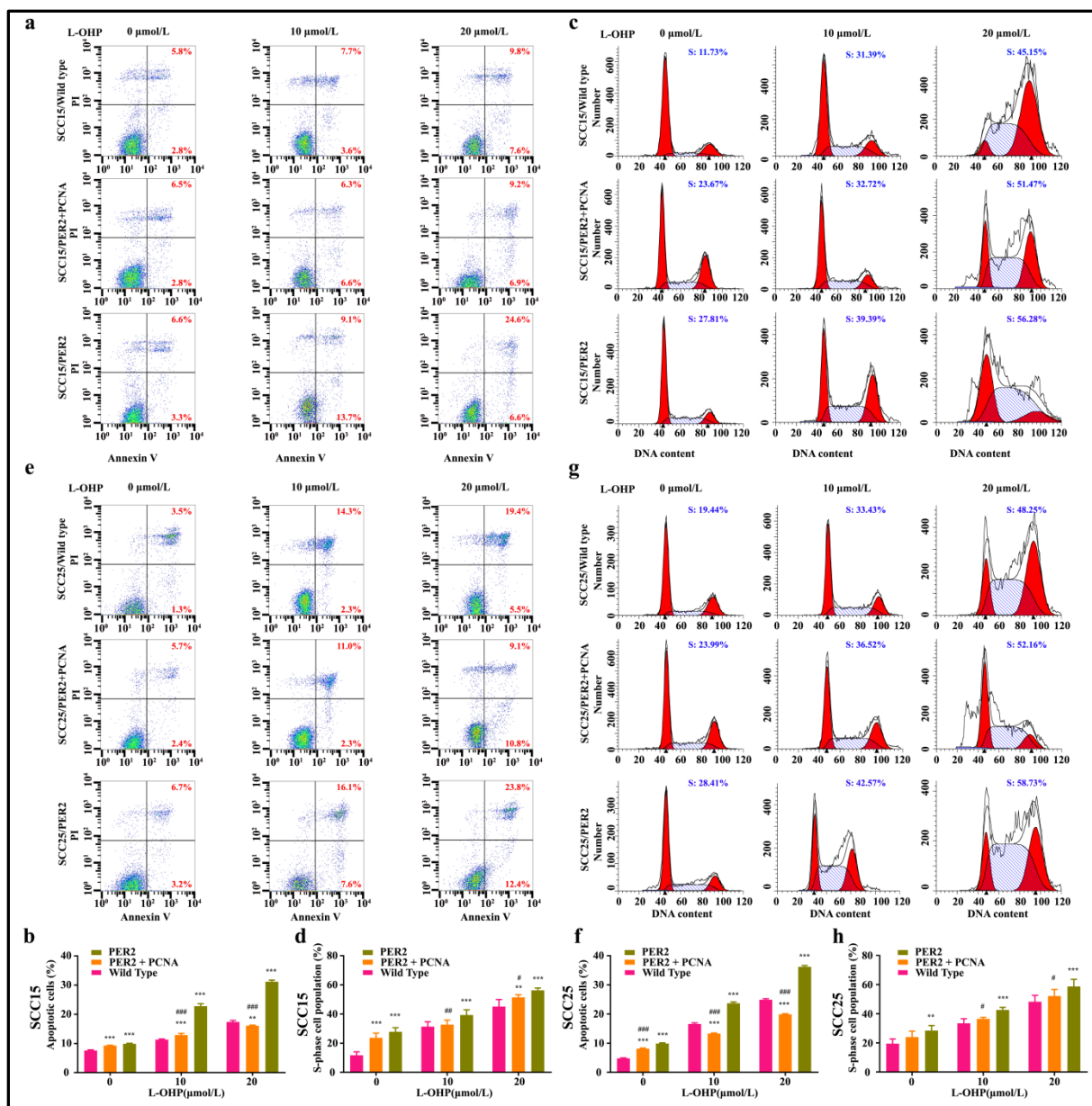


Figure S4. PCNA enhances DNA adducts repair and impairs oxaliplatin sensitivity in human OSCC cells



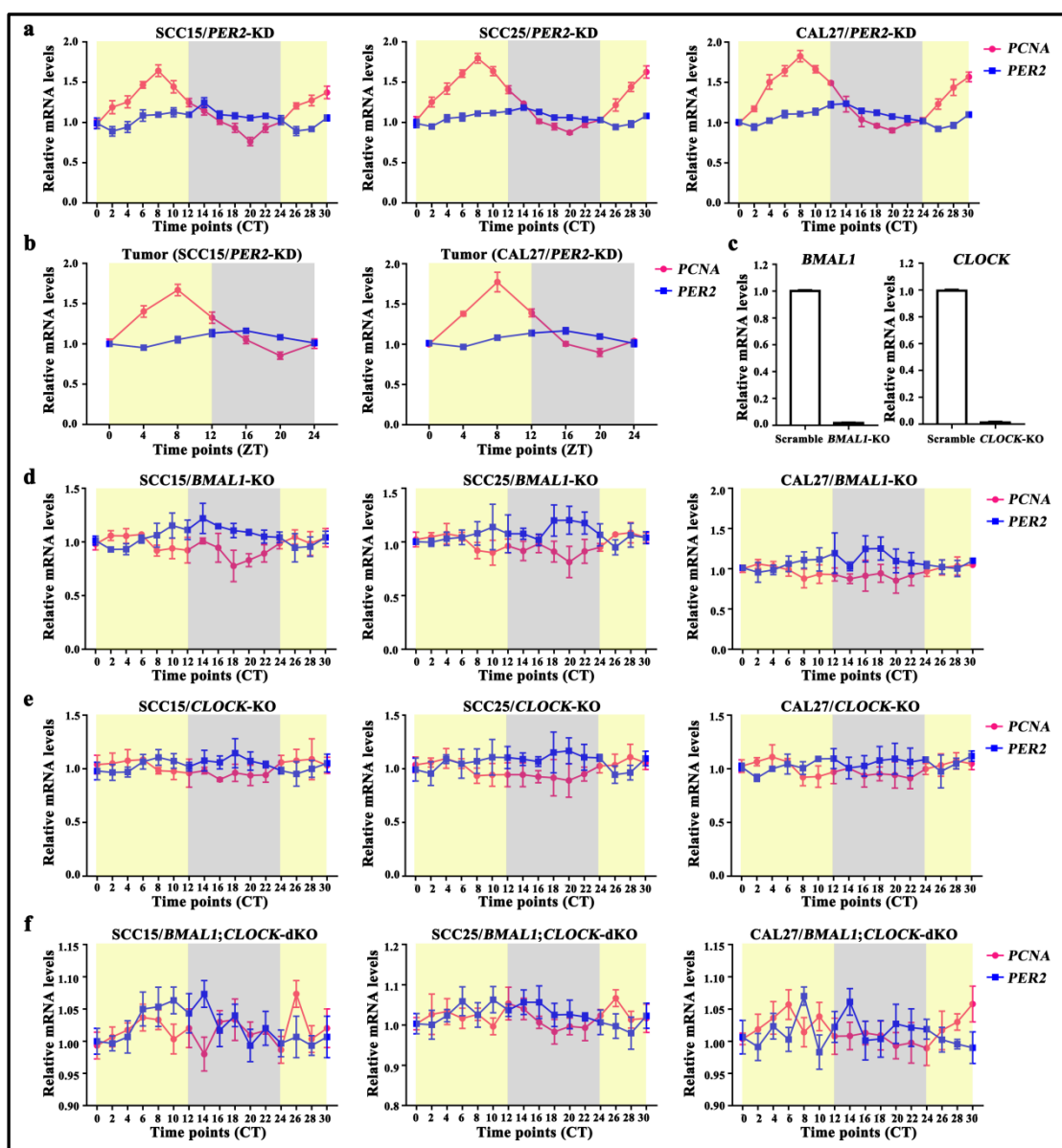
a-c) Dose-dependent growth inhibition in response to oxaliplatin in PCNA overexpressing or knockdown OSCC cells (n = 5 independent experiments). d) Apoptosis was evaluated by flow cytometry of PCNA overexpressing or knockdown CAL27 cells treated with oxaliplatin (0, 10, 20 or 30  $\mu\text{mol/L}$ , 48-hr). e) Cell-cycle phases were determined by flow cytometry of PCNA overexpressing or knockdown CAL27 cells treated with oxaliplatin (0, 10 or 20  $\mu\text{mol/L}$ , 48-hr). f and g) Western blot and densitometric quantification of the indicated proteins in PCNA knockdown (f) and overexpressing (g) CAL27 cells treated with oxaliplatin (20  $\mu\text{mol/L}$ ). GAPDH was used as the loading control. h) Representative confocal images of DDB2 in PCNA overexpressing or knockdown CAL27 cells. Scale bar, 20  $\mu\text{m}$ . i) Western blot and densitometric quantification of the indicated proteins of DNA adducts repair markers in PCNA overexpression or control CAL27 cells treated oxaliplatin (20  $\mu\text{mol/L}$ ) with or without CHIR-124 (0.3  $\text{nmol/L}$ ) (n = 3 independent experiments). GAPDH was used as the loading control. \* $P < 0.05$ , \*\* $P < 0.01$ , and \*\*\* $P < 0.001$  (compared with wild type). ANOVA was used. Data represent the mean  $\pm$  SD of three independent experiments.



**Figure S5. PCNA modulates the functionality of PER2 in oxaliplatin sensitivity**

a and b) Apoptosis was evaluated by flow cytometry of PER2-overexpressing or PER2/PCNA double-overexpressing SCC15 cells stained with Annexin V and PI. c and d) Cell-cycle phases were determined by flow cytometry of PER2-overexpressing or PER2/PCNA double-overexpressing SCC15 cells. e and f) Apoptosis was evaluated by flow cytometry of PER2-overexpressing or PER2/PCNA double-overexpressing SCC25 cells stained with Annexin V and PI. g and h) Cell-cycle phases were determined by flow cytometry of PER2-overexpressing or PER2/PCNA double-overexpressing SCC25 cells. \*\* $P < 0.01$ , and \*\*\* $P < 0.001$ .

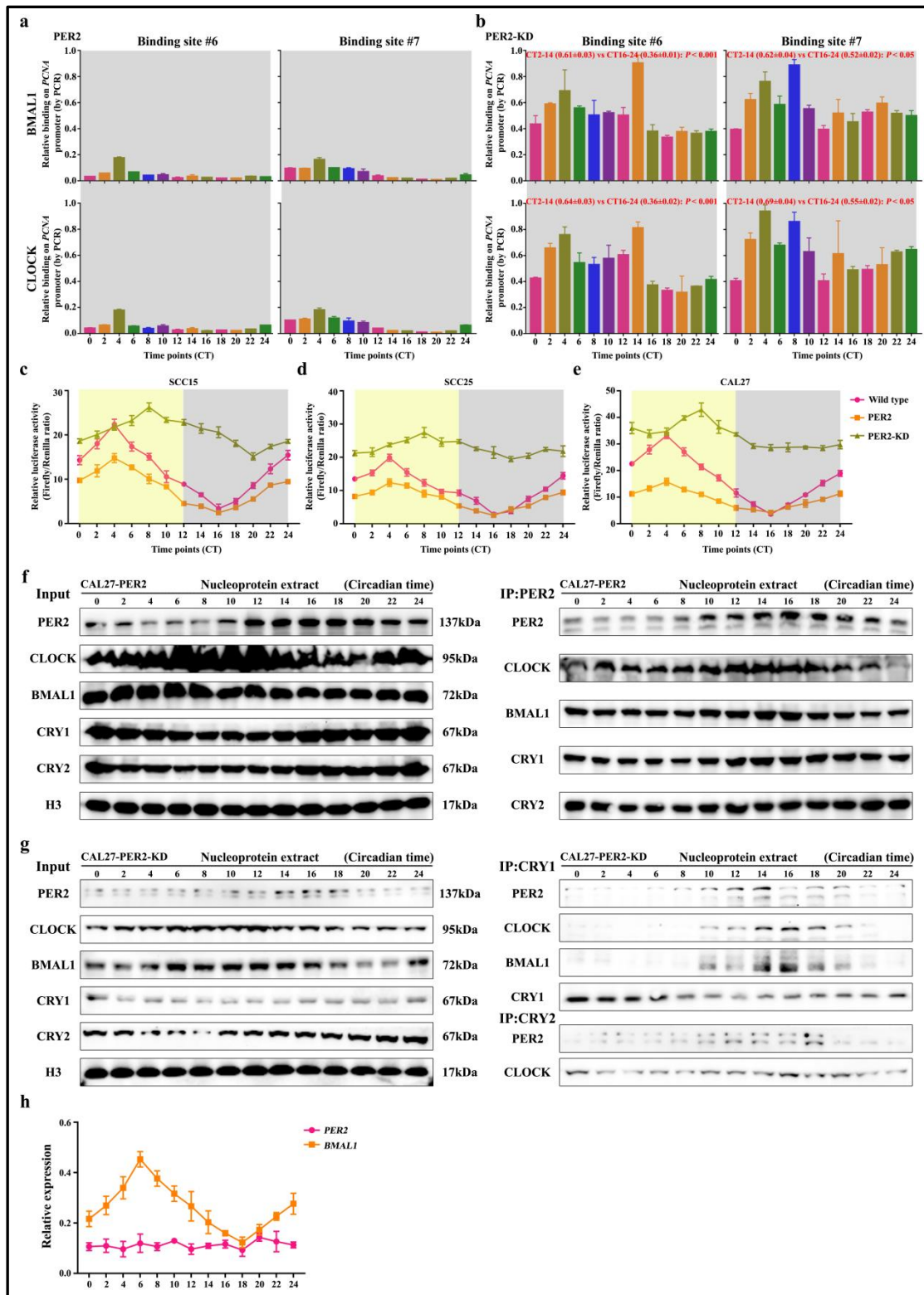
0.001 (compared with wild type).  $^{\#}P < 0.05$ ,  $^{\#\#}P < 0.01$  and  $^{\#\#\#}P < 0.001$  (compared with PER2). ANOVA was used. Data represent the mean  $\pm$  SD of three independent experiments.



**Figure S6. Circadian clock genes regulate the diurnal fluctuation of *PCNA* transcription**

a) The mRNA levels of *PCNA* and *PER2* in *PER2*-knockdown TSCC cells. Samples were collected every 2-hr for 30-hr ( $n = 3$  independent experiments). b) The mRNA levels of *PCNA* and *PER2* in tumors. SCC15/*PER2*-KD or CAL27/*PER2*-KD cells were subcutaneously injected into mice, and tumors obtained at indicated time points after four weeks. Samples were collected every 4-hr for 24-hr ( $n = 3$  animals per time point). c) The mRNA levels of *BMAL1* or *CLOCK* in human OSCC cells transfected with *BMAL1* or *CLOCK* knockout (KO) vectors. d) The mRNA levels of *PCNA* and *PER2* in *BMAL1*-knockout OSCC cells. Samples

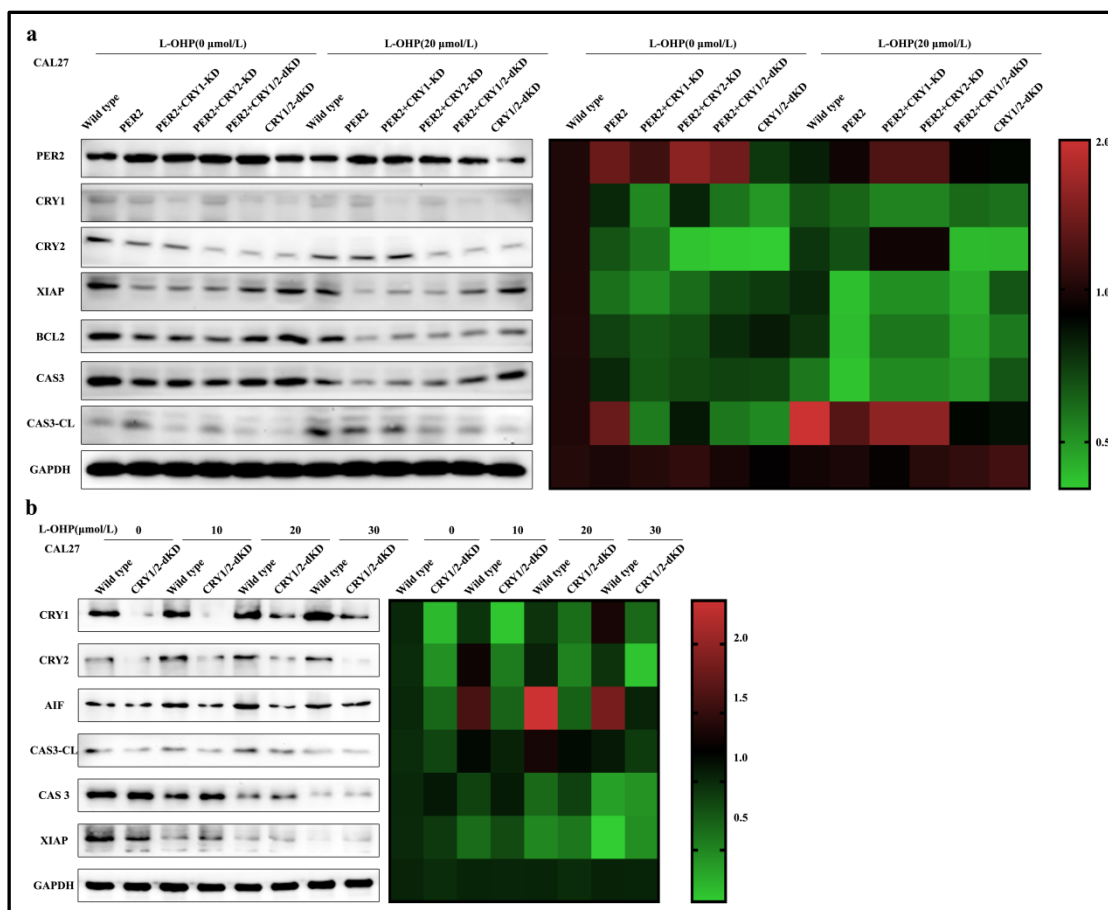
were collected every 2-hr for 30-hr (n = 3 independent experiments). e) The mRNA levels of *PCNA* and *PER2* in CLOCK-knockout OSCC cells. Samples were collected every 2-hr for 30-hr (n = 3 independent experiments). f) The mRNA levels of *PCNA* and *PER2* in BMAL1/CLOCK double-knockout OSCC cells. Samples were collected every 2-hr for 30-hr (n = 3 independent experiments).



**Figure S7. Overexpressed PER2 suppresses *PCNA* transcription through removing CLOCK-BMAL1 heterodimers from its promoter extensively**

a and b) CLOCK and BMAL1 bound to the *PCNA* promoter at predicted binding site #6 and #7 in CAL27/PER2 cells (a) and CAL27/PER2-KD cells (b) at indicated time points.

Chromatin immunoprecipitation assay was performed using anti-BMAL1 or anti-CLOCK antibodies with anti-IgG antibody as a negative control. c-e) Diurnal luciferase reporter assays were performed to measure the transcriptional activities of wild-type *PCNA* promoter in human OSCC cells with PER2 overexpression or PER2 knockdown at indicated time points. f) Coimmunoprecipitation (Co-IP) assay was performed in nucleoprotein extracts obtained across a circadian cycle with an anti-PER2 antibody, or IgG (served as a negative control) and detected by western blot analysis with anti-PER2, anti-CLOCK, anti-BMAL1, anti-CRY1 or anti-CRY2 antibodies in CAL27/PER2 cells. g) Co-IP was performed in nucleoprotein extracts obtained across a circadian cycle with an anti-CRY1 antibody, anti-CRY2 antibody, or IgG (served as a negative control) and detected by western blot analysis with anti-PER2, anti-CLOCK, anti-BMAL1, anti-CRY1 or anti-CRY2 antibodies. h) qRT-PCR was performed to compare the levels of *BMAL1* and *PER2* at intervals of two hours in PER2 overexpressed CAL27 cells. Values were expressed as relative expression levels to housekeeping gene *GAPDH*. Data represent the mean  $\pm$  SD of three independent experiments.



**Figure S8. CRYs correlate with PER2 in oxaliplatin sensitivity modulation**

a) Western blot of PER2, CRY1, CRY2, XIAP, BCL2, CAS3, CAS3-CL, and GAPDH (for loading controls) in CAL27 cells transfected with vectors (PER2-overexpression, CRY1-knockdown, CRY2-knockdown or CRY1/2-double knockdown) and treated with 0 or 20  $\mu\text{mol/L}$  oxaliplatin. b) Western blot of CRY1, CRY2, AIF, CAS3-CL, CAS3, XIAP, and GAPDH (for loading controls) in CRY1/2 double-knockdown CAL27 cells treated with 0, 10, 20 or 30  $\mu\text{mol/L}$  oxaliplatin. Data represent the mean  $\pm$  SD of three independent experiments.



## Supplementary Tables

Table S1. Primer sequences used in qRT-PCR and ChIP assays

LOCUS	FORWARD (5'-3')	REVERSE (5'-3')
qRT-PCR		
h-DDB2	TGACAGGAGGGCTACATCCTTG	GAAGGTGGGTTTGTCTTGATGC
h-ERCC1	CGGGGCAAATCCAACAGCA	AGTCGGGAATTACGTCGCCA
h-XRCC1	AAGGCAGGCGAGAAGACCAT	AGCACCTCCACGAAAGCTGA
h-POL- $\beta$	TGACCCATCCCAGCTTCACTTC	ACCCATGAACTTTGTCTCACCTT
h-PCNA	AGCCACTCCACTCTCTTCAACG	TTCATCCTCGATCTTGGGAGCC
h-RFC3	CCCTGCTTATGTGTGAAGCCTG	GCCTTTGTGGAGTTTGCTGACTG
h-TNFSF10	GAGCTGAAGCAGATGCAGGACA	TGACGGAGTTGCCACTTGACTT
h-TP53	TGCGTGTTTGTGCCTGTCCT	GTGGTTTCTTCTTTGGCTGGGG
h-ENDOG	ACGACACGTTCTACCTGAGCA	AGTGGCCCTGTGCAGACATA
h-CYCS	GGCCCCTGGATACTCTTACACA	GCTATTAAGTCTGCCCTTCTTCC
h-TNFRSF10C	AAGTTCCTGCACCATGACCAGA	TACTGACTTGGACTIONCCCACT
h-PRKAR1B	TGACCAACATCAGCGAGGGA	AGCGTGCTGCCATAAAGGAT
h-DBF4	CACAAGCTACACAGAAAAGAGTGG	TGAAGGGGACGAGAAAAACGC
h-E2F1	AGGAGTTCATCAGCCTTTCCCC	GGTCCCCAAAGTCACAGTCGAA
h-E2F2	CTGCTACCTACTACACACCGCT	CCCTCCAGATCCAGCTTCCTTT
h-CCND1	GCTGTGCATCTACACCGACAAC	CAATGAAATCGTGCGGGGTCA
h-MAD2L1	CAGCTACGGTGACATTTCTGCC	TGGTCCCGACTCTTCCCATT
h-CCNE2	GGCCAAGAAGAGGAAAACCTACCC	TGATAATGCAAGGACTGATCCCCC
h-FBXL3	GGTGGACAGCAGCAAGGAATCA	AAGCGAAGACAGGGATTGGAGT
h-PER1	TGAGTCCAACGGGCATGAGT	AGGCAATGGAAGTCTGGGT
h-PER2	TTCACCACATCCTGGAACAAAC	TTCACCACATCCTGGAACAAAC
h-PER3	AAGGCGGAGCAGATGACCTT	CCATTCGGTTCTGTGCGTGT
h-RORB	TGGCAGACCCACACCTATGAA	CACCACGTATTGGATGGCGT
h-BMAL1	GGATGTGACCGAGGGAAGAT	CGTCGTGCTCCAGAACATAAT
m-PER2	CACACTTGCCTCCGAAATAACTC	AGCGCACGGCTGTCTGA
ChIP		
Promoter1	CTCCAGCCAACCATTGAG	ATGAGTGACCTGTAGATGTT
Promoter2	GCTCTGTCATCCTGGGAA	GCTGCTAAGGGAAGTGTG
Promoter3	CTCACAGTTCCCTTAGCA	CGCCATTGGTGGATATTC
Promoter4	CCTCCTTCTACTCTCCTC	CCATAGCATTTCCTCCT
Promoter5	AAGGCAGGCAGATCACAT	TCTTGGCTAACCGCAATC
Promoter6	AATCCTGTCCATCCTGTAAC	GGTTCAAGTGAGTCTCCTG
Promoter7	CTAAGTGCTCAAAGGTGTTT	GCTCCCTATCATCCTCTTAA
Promoter8	GGAATGTAAAGAGGATGATAGG	CGAAAGTGAAAGTGAAATGC

**Table S2. Antibodies used in this study**

Rabbit monoclonal anti-KAT13D/CLOCK antibody	Abcam	Cat#ab134165
Rabbit polyclonal anti-KAT13D/CLOCK antibody	Abcam	Cat#ab3517
Mouse monoclonal anti-CLOCK Antibody (C-8)	Santa Cruz	Cat#sc-271603
Rabbit polyclonal anti-BMAL1 antibody	Abcam	Cat#ab93806
Rabbit polyclonal anti-BMAL1 antibody	Abcam	Cat#ab3350
Mouse monoclonal anti-BMAL1 Antibody (A-6)	Santa Cruz	Cat#sc-373955
Rabbit polyclonal anti-PER1 antibody	Abcam	Cat#ab3443
Rabbit monoclonal anti-PER2 antibody	Abcam	Cat#ab179813
Mouse monoclonal anti-PER2 antibody	Santa Cruz	Cat#sc-377290
Rabbit polyclonal anti-PER2 antibody	Santa Cruz	Cat#sc-25363
Rabbit polyclonal anti-CRY1 antibody	Abcam	Cat#ab104736
Mouse monoclonal anti-CRY1 antibody	Abcam	Cat#ab54649
Rabbit polyclonal anti-CRY1 antibody	Abcam	Cat#ab245564
Rabbit polyclonal anti-CRY2 antibody	Abcam	Cat#ab38872
Rabbit polyclonal anti-CRY2 antibody	Abcam	Cat#ab93802
Rabbit polyclonal anti-REV-ERB $\alpha$ antibody	Proteintech	Cat#14506-1-AP
Rabbit polyclonal anti-GAPDH antibody	Proteintech	Cat#10494-1-AP
Rabbit polyclonal anti-AIF antibody	Proteintech	Cat#17984-1-AP
Rabbit polyclonal anti-Caspase 3 antibody	Cell Signaling Technology	Cat#9662
Rabbit polyclonal anti-XIAP antibody	Abcam	Cat#ab21278
Mouse monoclonal anti-BCL2 antibody	Proteintech	Cat#60178-1-Ig
Rabbit monoclonal anti-DDB2 antibody	Abcam	Cat#ab181136
Mouse monoclonal anti-DDB2 antibody for IF	Abcam	Cat#ab51017
Rabbit monoclonal anti-ERCC1 antibody	Abcam	Cat#ab129267
Rabbit monoclonal anti-XRCC1 antibody	Abcam	Cat#ab134056
Rabbit monoclonal anti-DNA polymerase beta antibody	Abcam	Cat#ab175197
Rabbit monoclonal anti-Chk1 antibody	Abcam	Cat#ab32531
Rabbit monoclonal anti-phospho-Chk1 (S345)	Cell Signaling Technology	Cat#2348
Rabbit Polyclonal anti-BAX antibody	Proteintech	Cat#50599-2-Ig
Rabbit monoclonal anti-PCNA antibody	Abcam	Cat#ab92552
Mouse monoclonal anti-PCNA antibody for IHC	Abcam	Cat#ab29
Rabbit Polyclonal anti-Cytokeratin 19 antibody	Proteintech	Cat#10712-1-AP
Rabbit Polyclonal anti-Vimentin antibody	Proteintech	Cat#10366-1-AP
Rabbit Polyclonal anti-Histone H3 antibody	Proteintech	Cat#17168-1-AP
HRP-conjugated Affinipure Goat Anti-Rabbit IgG	Proteintech	Cat#SA00001-2
HRP-conjugated Affinipure Goat Anti-Mouse IgG	Proteintech	Cat#SA00001-1
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