Lipid Transfer Proteins and PI4KIIα Initiate Nuclear p53-Phosphoinositide Signaling

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Phosphoinositide (PIP_n) messengers are present in non-membranous regions of nuclei
where they are assembled into a phosphatidylinositol (PI) 3-kinase (PI3K)/Akt pathway
that is distinct from the cytosolic membrane-localized pathway. In the nuclear pathway,
PI kinases/phosphatases bind the p53 tumor suppressor protein (wild-type and mutant)
to generate $p53\text{-}PIP_n$ complexes ($p53\text{-}PIP_n$ signalosome) that activate Akt by a $PI3,4,5P_3$-
dependent mechanism in non-membranous regions of the nucleus. This pathway is
dependent on a source of nuclear PIP_ns that is poorly characterized. Here we report that
a subset of PI transfer proteins (PITPs), which transport PI between membranes to enable
membrane-localized PIP_n synthesis, also interact with p53 in the nucleus upon genotoxic
stress. Class I PITPs (PITPα/β) specifically supply the PI required for the generation of
$p53\text{-}PIP_n$ complexes and subsequent signaling in the nucleus. Additionally, the PI 4-
kinase PI4KIIα binds to p53 and the PITPs to catalyze the formation of p53-PI4P. p53-
PI4P is then sequentially phosphorylated to synthesize $p53\text{-}PIP_n$ complexes that regulate
p53 stability, nuclear Akt activation and genotoxic stress resistance. In this way, PITPα/β
and PI4KIIα bind p53 and collaborate to initiate $p53\text{-}PIP_n$ signaling by mechanisms that
require PI transfer by PITPα/β and the catalytic activity of PI4KIIα. Moreover, the
identification of these critical upstream regulators of $p53\text{-}PIP_n$ signaling point to PITPα/β
and PI4KIIα as novel therapeutic targets in this pathway for diseases like cancer.

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39   **Key words**

40   Phosphoinositide; PITP; PI4KIIα; p53; $PI4,5P_2$; $PI3,4,5P_3$; nucleus; cell stress; Akt

41   **Significance statement**

42   PI transfer proteins and a PI 4-kinase initiate nuclear p53-phosphoinositide signaling in
43   membrane-free regions to promote stress resistance.

Main text

Phosphoinositide (PIP_n) lipids are synthesized from phosphatidylinositol (PI) in membranes by PIP-metabolizing enzymes, including kinases and phosphatases, to produce a second messenger network comprised of seven distinct isomers that play key roles in many cellular pathways[1]. Cytosolic class I PI 3-kinases (PI3Ks) catalyze the synthesis of $PI3,4,5P_3$, which leads to the recruitment and activation of the serine/threonine kinases phosphoinositide-dependent kinase 1 (PDK1), mTOR Complex 2 (mTORC2), and Akt at membranes[2-8]. Akt in turn phosphorylates many substrates, such as forkhead box O (FOXO) proteins, tuberous sclerosis complex 2 (TSC2), and BCL2-associated agonist of cell death (BAD), to promote cell growth and inhibit apoptosis[4]. This membrane-localized PI3K/Akt pathway is often hyperactivated in cancer and class I PI3K inhibitors are currently in the clinic[9, 10].

Akt is also activated in the nucleus[11-16]. Recent studies have identified a non-membranous nuclear PI3K/Akt pathway dependent on p53[17, 18], a tumor suppressor frequently mutated in cancer, resulting in gain-of-function oncogenic acitivities[19, 20]. In this nuclear pathway, wild-type and mutant p53 are sequentially modified by PIP_ns and their associated PIP kinases/phosphatases. The type I PI4P 5-kinase α (PIPKIα) directly interacts with p53 and generates the $p53\text{-}PI4,5P_2$ complex (p53-PIP_n signalosome) in response to stress[18]. PI5P4Kβ has also been functionally linked to p53 as deletion of both genes is lethal in mice, but the mechanism is poorly defined[21]. The nuclear PI 3-kinase IPMK (inositol polyphosphate multikinase) acts on $p53\text{-}PI4,5P_2$ to synthesize $p53\text{-}PI3,4,5P_3$ complexes, which then recruit and activate Akt in the non-membranous

nucleoplasm[17, 18]. The nuclear Akt pathway is insensitive to PI3K inhibitors in the clinic[17],

highlighting its therapeutic importance.

Although multiple PIP_ns and PIP kinases/phosphatases are present in the nucleoplasm[16,

22-24], their function and regulation are poorly characterized compared to PIP_n signaling at

cytosolic membranes. Specifically, prior studies have demonstrated the synthesis of PI in

the ER, which is transported from the ER to other membranes, and shuttled between

membranes by a family of lipid transfer proteins, the phosphatidylinositol transfer proteins

(PITPs)[25]. To date, research has focused on the cytosolic function of PITPs[26-28].

Intriguingly, PITPβ was suggested to interact with p53[29], prompting us to investigate the

functional role of PITPs in regulating the synthesis of $p53\text{-}PIP_n$ complexes. Here we

demonstrate that the highly homologous class I PITPs interact with p53 in the nucleus

upon genotoxic stress and are specifically required to generate $p53\text{-}PIP_n$ complexes.

Additionally, a PI 4-kinase, PI4KIIα, binds to both p53 and the PITPs and is also required

to initiate $p53\text{-}PIP_n$ complex formation and nuclear $p53\text{-}PIP_n$ signaling. PITPα/β and

PI4KIIα collaborate to synthesize p53-PI4P complexes that are sequentially

phosphorylated by PIP kinases or dephosphorylated by phosphatases to regulate p53

stability, nuclear Akt activation and stress resistance. These findings also implicate

PITPα/β and PI4KIIα as therapeutic targets to regulate the nuclear $p53\text{-}PIP_n$ pathway.

p53 interacts with class I PITPs in the nucleus

The reported interaction of PITPβ and p53 in a proteomic screen[29] suggests that PITPs

may play a functional role in generating nuclear $p53\text{-}PIP_n$ complexes. To explore this, we

investigated the interaction of p53 with all five PITPs using multiple approaches.

The PITP family is composed of five members that are subdivided into two classes that

exchange PI for PC (Class I, the single domain PITPα and PITPβ isoforms) or PI for

phosphatidic acid (PA) (Class II, the single domain PITP cytoplasmic 1 (PITPNC1) and

multi-domain PITP membrane-associated 1 (PITPNM1), and PITP membrane-associated

2 (PITPNM2) isoforms with C-terminal extensions)[25] (Fig. 1a). The PITP-p53 interactions

were first examined by immunoprecipation (IP). Class I, but not class II PITPs, bound

mutant p53 (p53^{mt}), and these interactions were increased by genotoxic stress (Fig. 1b-

d,f,g). Of note, the PITPα antibody had partial cross-reactivity with PITPβ but not beyond

the class I PITPs (Extended Data Fig. 1a). These IP interactions were recapitulated by *in*

vitro binding studies with recombinant PITPα/β and p53 proteins demonstrating a high-

affinity, saturable binding of class I PITPs to p53 (Extended Data Fig. 1b-e) Moreover,

the small heat shock proteins (sHSPs) Hsp27 and αB-crystallin, which stabilize the p53-

PIP$_n$ complex[18], were also detected as stress-regulated components of the PITPα/β-p53

complex (Fig. 1b,e,f,h,i).

Proximity ligation assay (PLA) is an established approach to detect protein-protein

interactions and posttranslational modifications (PTMs) *in situ*[30, 31]. Class I PITPs (PITPα

and PITPβ), but not class II PITPs (PITPNCI, PITPNM1 and PITPNM2), associated with

p53^{mt} and wild-type p53 (p53^{wt}) in the nucleus as indicated by PLA foci, and their

association was enhanced by cisplatin (Fig. 1j,k and Extended Data Fig. 2a-c).

Interestingly, PITPα/β-p53 PLA complexes were present in the nucleoplasm in regions

distinct from the nuclear envelope (Fig. 1l, Extended Data Fig. 2d-f, and Supplementary

Video 1-2). Despite their previously reported confinement to the cytosol[25, 26], PITPα/β

levels increased in the nucleus following cisplatin treatment, supporting the PLA data

(Extended Data Fig. 3a). Notably, the association of PITPα/β with p53^{wt} was minimal

under basal conditions and dramatically increased by stress, while PITPα/β associated

constitutively with p53^{mt} with a modest increase in response to stress. Regardless of p53

mutational status, stress-responsive PITPα/β-p53 complexes were detected in all cell

lines examined (Fig. 1m and Extended Data Fig. 3b-n). Moreover, p53 directly bound

class I PITPs, but not PITPNC1, with low nM K_d as determined by microscale

thermophoresis (MST) (Fig. 1n), underscoring the specificity of these interactions.

PITPα/β are required for p53-PIP$_n$ complex generation

As PITPα/β bind to p53 in the nucleus, we examined the potential role of PITPα/β in

regulating the PIP$_n$ associations with p53, which stabilize p53[18]. The p53-PIP$_n$

complexes[17, 18] were first analyzed by PLA. Single or combined knock down (KD) of

PITPα/β, but not PITPNC1, reduced or largely eliminated, respectively, p53^{mt}-PI4,5P$_2$ and

p53^{mt}-PI3,4,5P$_3$ complexes detected by PLA; combined KD of PITPα/β disrupted p53^{mt}-

PIP$_n$ complexes to a similar degree as p53 KD (Fig. 2a-c and Extended Data Fig. 4a,b).

Similar results were observed in p53^{wt} cells: individual or combined PITPα/β KD inhibited

p53^{wt}-PI4,5P$_2$ and p53^{wt}-PI3,4,5P$_3$ complexes (Fig. 2d-f).

We next identified and quantified the cisplatin-induced PIP$_n$ isoforms linked to p53 by p53-

IP followed by simultaneous Western blotting (WB) with antibodies (Abs) against specific

PIP$_n$ isomers detected with fluorescently labeled secondary Abs (IP fluorescent-WB) (Fig.

2g and Extended Data Fig. 4c). KD of PITPα or PITPβ markedly reduced the PI4P,

PI4,5P$_2$ and PI3,4,5P$_3$ that co-IPed with p53^{mt} in response to genotoxic stress, while the

combined KD virtually eliminated all PIP$_n$s associated with p53^{mt} (Fig. 2h-k). Similar

observations were made in cells with p53^{wt}: single or combined PITPα/β KD also inhibited

cisplatin-stimulated p53^{wt}-PI4,5P$_2$ complex formation (Fig. 2l,m). These findings indicate

that class I PITPα and PITPβ play a key role in the stress-responsive coupling of PIP$_n$s

to p53^{wt} and p53^{mt} proteins, which are stable to denaturation and SDS-PAGE analysis.

Consistent with the reported role of PIP$_n$s in stabilizing p53[18], KD of PITPα or PITPβ, but

not PITPNC1, modestly reduced p53^{mt} levels in cells treated with cisplatin, while the

combined KD of PITPα and PITPβ robustly suppressed p53^{mt} levels under basal and

stress conditions (Extended Data Fig. 4d). Moreover, the robust induction of p53^{wt} by

cisplatin was inhibited by individual PITPα/β KD and abrogated by combined PITPα/β KD

(Extended Data Fig. 4e).

PI4KIIα interacts with p53 and cooperates with PITPα/β to synthesize p53-PI4P

As PITPα/β were reported to cooperate with PI 4-kinases (PI4Ks) to synthesize PI4P[25,

32, 33], we postulated that PI4Ks act in concert with PITPα/β to generate p53-PI4P. To

explore this, each of the four human PI4Ks[34] were individually KDed and PLA was used

to quantify changes in the p53-PI4P complexes. KD of PI4KIIα specifically suppressed

basal and cisplatin-stimulated p53-PI4P levels, while combined KD of PI4KIIα and

PI4KIIIα reduced p53-PI4P levels to the same degree as PI4KIIα KD alone (Fig. 3a,b and

Extended Data Fig. 5a). p53-PI4P is the substrate for PIPKIα to synthesize p53-PI4,5P$_2$,

which stabilizes p53[18]. Consistent with its role in generating p53-PI4P, PI4KIIα KD, but

not KD of other PI4Ks, inhibited cisplatin-stimulated p53 levels (Fig. 3c). Moreover, KD of

PI4KIIα mirrored the effects of PIPKIα KD in suppressing p53 induction by cisplatin, and

combined KD of PI4KIIα and PIPKIα was equivalent to either individual KD with regard to

p53 levels (Fig. 3d). In contrast to PI4KIIα KD which reduced p53-PI4P levels, KD of

PIPKIα enhanced p53-PI4P levels (Fig. 3e,f and Extended Data Fig. 5b). p53-PI4P

synthesis requires the catalytic activity of PI4KIIα as the PI4KIIα inhibitors (PI-273 and

NC03)[35, 36] prevented p53-PI4P generation and subsequent formation of p53-PI4,5P$_2$ (Fig.

3g and Extended Data Fig. 5c-e). To further define these p53-PIP$_n$ complexes, we utilized

a p53 C-terminal domain (CTD) polybasic domain mutant (p53^{6Q}), which disrupts PI4,5P$_2$

binding to p53 (wild-type and oncogenic mutants)[17, 18]. In this context, the p53^{6Q} mutant

formed more abundant p53^{6Q}-PI4P complexes than the corresponding wild-type CTD

domain p53 proteins (Extended Data Fig. 6a,b). However, the p53^{6Q}-PI4P complexes

were not phosphorylated further to p53^{6Q}-PI3,4,5P$_3$ complexes (Extended Data Fig. 6c,d),

likely due to disrupted binding of PIPKIα and/or IPMK, which interact with the p53 C-

terminus[17, 18]. However, this highlights the important distinction between conventional

PIP$_n$ binding, which is blocked by the p53^{6Q} mutation, and the stable association of PIP$_n$s

with p53 as in p53-PI4P, which is not impaired by the p53^{6Q} mutation.

In addition, PI4KIIα co-IPed with p53^{mt} and p53^{wt}, and these interactions were enhanced

by genotoxic stress (Fig. 3h). PI4KIIIα also co-IPed with p53^{mt} and p53^{wt}, but PI4KIIIα KD

did not affect p53 or p53-PI4P levels or enhance the effects of PI4KIIα KD (Fig. 3a-c).

Recombinant PI4KIIα bound to p53, PITPα, and PITPβ with saturable kinetics and low

nM affinity (Extended Data Fig. 7a-d), consistent with a specific and direct interaction.

Interestingly, the PI4KIIα-PITPβ interaction was enhanced by the addition of p53,

suggesting a ternary PI4KIIα:PITPβ:p53 protein complex that contributes to p53 stability

(Fig. 3i and Extended Data Fig. 7e-g). These findings indicate that PI4KIIα binds to p53

with high affinity and, together with PITPα/β, specifically synthesizes p53-PI4P and

contributes to p53 stabilization by generating the precursor for p53-PI4,5P$_2$ (Fig. 3j).

PITPα/β regulate p53-PIP$_n$ signalosome formation and nuclear Akt activation to

inhibit stress-induced apoptosis

The p53-PIP$_n$ signalosome is regulated by cellular stress, leading to the formation of p53-

PI3,4,5P$_3$ complexes that recruit and activate Akt in the nucleus and protect cells from

stress-induced apoptosis[17]. The identification of class I PITPs as upstream regulators of

p53-PIP$_n$ complex assembly implicates these lipid transfer proteins in nuclear Akt

activation. Consistent with this concept, individual KD of PITPα or PITPβ, but not

PITPNC1, suppressed stress-induced nuclear Akt activation quantified by nuclear

pAkt^{S473} IF, an established approach[17], while combined PITPα/β KD resulted in a more

robust reduction of pAkt^{S473} (Fig. 4a,b). These results were confirmed in MDA-MB-231

cells by WB (Extended Data Fig. 8a). Similar results were obtained with multiple human

cancer cell lines expressing different p53^{mt} proteins (Fig. 4c-e). KD of p53^{mt}, PITPα or

PITPβ, but not PITPNC1, moderately reduced cell viability under basal conditions and

sensitized MDA-MB-231 cells to cisplatin treatment, while combined KD of PITPα/β

further decreased cell viability (Fig. 4f,g). Consistent with these results, knockout (KO) of

PITPβ or KD of PITPα had modest effects on cisplatin-induced cell death, while combined

PITPβ KO and PITPα KD enhanced the cytotoxicity of cisplatin (Fig. 4h and Extended

Data Fig. 8b). Individual or combined PITPα/β KD had similar effects on cisplatin

sensitivity in three additional breast cancer cell lines expressing different p53^{mt} proteins

(Extended Data Fig. 8c-i). The cytotoxicity of p53^{mt} KD and individual or combined

PITPα/β KD was associated with a corresponding increase in caspase 3 activity (Fig. 4i

and Extended Data Fig. 8j-l), indicating that PITPα/β KD triggers apoptosis and sensitizes

cells to genotoxic stress. These findings underscore the critical role of PITPα/β in

regulating nuclear Akt activation, which confers resistance to genotoxic stress-induced

apoptosis.

PITPα/β-mediated p53-PIP$_n$ signaling requires PI transfer activity

As PITPα/β exchange PI for PC, we investigated whether the PI transfer activity of these

PITPs was required to regulate p53 levels and nuclear Akt activation. For this, we utilized

the PITPα/β^{T59D} mutant that specifically disrupts PI binding[37-39]. Ectopically expressed

HA-tagged PITPα/β^{wt} interacted with p53^{wt} and mutant p53^{R175H}, while the corresponding

PITPα/β^{T59D} mutants exhibited impaired interaction with p53 (Fig. 5a and Extended Data

Fig. 9a-c). Moreover, the reduction in the stress-induced p53 protein and nuclear pAkt^{S473}

levels by combined PITPα and PITPβ KD using distinct siRNAs targeting their 3'-UTR

was rescued by expression of PITPα^{wt}, but not mutant PITPα^{T59D} (Fig. 5b-d). Notably,

nuclear pAkt^{S473} levels correlated with the content of re-expressed PITPα^{wt}, but not mutant

PITPα^{T59D} (Fig. 5e,f), indicating that these phenotypes are dose-dependent.

The cytotoxicity and sensitization to cisplatin-induced apoptosis by combined PITPα/β KD

using the 3'-UTR targeting siRNAs were partly rescued by re-expressing PITPα^{wt} but not

the PITPα/β^{T59D} mutant (Fig. 5g-i). These results demonstrate that the PI transfer activity

of class I PITPs regulates their interaction with p53, p53 stability, and subsequent nuclear

Akt activation. Combined PITPα/β KD also inhibited EGF-stimulated cell invasion, and

these effects were partly restored by re-expressing PITPα^{wt} but not the PITPα^{T59D} mutant

(Extended Data Fig. 9d,e), consistent with reports that PITPs contribute to EGF

signaling[40]. The data indicate that PITPα/β regulate cell growth, invasion, and protection

against genotoxic stress (Fig. 5j), although elucidation of the underlying mechanisms will

require additional investigation.

Discussion

Here, we reveal an unexpected role for class I PITPα/β in generating nuclear p53-PIP_n

complexes that initiate nuclear PIP_n signaling. Although the existence of nuclear PIP_ns

and their role in the cell cycle[41], oxidative stress[16, 42-47] , and the DNA damage response[17,

48-50] is supported by growing evidence[16], the molecular regulators of nuclear PIP_ns in

regions devoid of membranes have been enigmatic[51]. PITPs have a well-established role

in transporting PI from the endoplasmic reticulum to membranes, enabling membrane-

localized PIP_n signaling via PIP kinases, phosphatases, and phospholipases[25, 52-56]. The

findings presented here demonstrate that class I PITPs directly bind p53 with high affinity

in the nucleus in response to genotoxic stress. As such, these data expand the roles of

the PITPα/β lipid transport activities that were thought to act solely at cytosolic

membranes and establish their mechanistic roles in generating nuclear p53-PIP_n

complexes.

PITPα/β, but not other PITP family members, bind directly to $p53^{wt}$ and $p53^{mt}$, and these

interactions are stimulated by cell stress. This complex also includes the small heat shock

proteins (Hsp27 and αB-crystallin), which stabilize p53[18]. PITPα/β binding to p53 is

necessary for the linkage of PIP_ns with p53 (p53-PIP_n signalosome). Once the p53-PIP_n

complex is formed, it is stable, detected by PIP_n isomer antibodies, and acted on by

multiple PIP kinases and phosphatases, indicating that the myo-inositol head group is

accessible, a characteristic that distinguishes these complexes from conventional protein-

PIP_n binding[17, 18, 31]. The p53-PIP_n signalosome culminates in the formation of p53-

$PI3,4,5P_3$ complexes that, in turn, recruit and activate Akt in the nucleus, conferring

resistance to stress-induced apoptosis[17]. However, PITPs also contribute to the canonical

membrane-localized PI3K/Akt pathway[57], so the observed differences in cellular

phenotypes by PITPα/β KD likely reflect some contribution of both the canonical and the

nuclear PI3K/Akt pathways. These PITPα/β activities require PI binding, underscoring the

critical functional role of lipid transport as a mechanism to establish nuclear PIP_ns.

The ability of wild-type PITPα, but not the PI binding-defective mutant, to rescue the

phenotype of combined PITPα/β KD suggests a functional redundancy between the class

I PITPs. This is consistent with previous reports that either PITPα or PITPβ is sufficient

to rescue the phenotype of double PITPα/β knockout in a PI-binding dependent manner[37,

58]. PITPα/β also binds to PI4KIIα, and the addition of p53 protein increases the affinity

between PITPs and PI4KIIα, which supports formation of a ternary complex. As both

PITPα/β and PI4KIIα are required to generate p53-PI4P, these data point to a functional

collaboration between PITPα/β and PI4KIIα in initiating nuclear p53-PIP_n signaling that is

reminiscent of their roles in generating PI4P in the membrane-localized pathway[32, 33].

Remarkably, PITPα/β and PI4KIIα regulate the association of PIP_ns to p53 in a manner

that is inconsistent with traditional protein-PIP_n interactions. These protein-PIP_n

interactions are electrostatic in nature and are disrupted by denaturation and SDS-PAGE,

yet p53-PIP_n complexes remain intact following these interventions[17, 18]. Previous studies

have demonstrated that p53 also conventionally binds $PI4,5P_2$, but the $p53^{6Q}$ CTD mutant

has diminished binding for most PIP_ns including PI4P[18]. Nevertheless, the $p53^{6Q}$-PI4P

complex is enhanced, further distinguishing these complexes from conventional p53-PIP_n

binding. Perhaps most significantly, the p53-linked PIP_ns maintain signaling competency

as they are modified by kinases and phosphatases and remain detectable via antibody

recognition of their *myo*-inositol headgroup. In contrast to p53-PIP_n complexes, most

protein-PIP_n interactions involve direct binding of the headgroup to protein domains

precluding the lipid from kinase or phosphatase modification[59, 60], underscoring this

unique characteristic of p53-PIP_n complexes. The data presented here indicate that PIP_n

second messengers, beginning with PI4P, are linked to p53 by the combined activities of

PITPα/β and PI4KIIα. The resulting p53-PI4P is acted on by PIP kinases and

phosphatases such that the $p53$-$PI3,4,5P_3$ acts as a nuclear messenger to recruit PDK1,

mTORC2, and Akt. Notably, each of these proteins is known to interact with the PIP_n head

group. For the p53-PIP_n signalosome, these interactions culminate in nuclear Akt

activation and stress resistance[17]. These findings suggest a "third messenger" pathway[17]

with p53 as the founding member whereby PIP_n second messengers are linked to cellular

proteins in membrane-free regions and modified by PIP kinases/phosphatases to regulate

their function (Fig. 5j). Given the critical role of class I PITPs in initiating nuclear

phosphoinositide signaling, which attenuates cellular stress and apoptosis, these findings

also point to these PITPs and PI4KIIα as potential therapeutic targets in a variety of

diseases including cancer.

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Authors declare that they have no competing interests.

METHODS

Cell culture and constructs

A549, BT-549, Cal33, HCT116, HS578T, MDA-MB-231, SUM159, SUM1315, HEK293FT, and MCF-10A cells were purchased from ATCC. MCF10A cells were cultured in DMEM/F12 (#11330-032, Invitrogen) supplemented with 10% fetal bovine serum (#SH30910.03, Hyclone), 1% penicillin/streptomycin (#15140-122, Gibco), 20 ng/mL EGF (#CC-4107, Lonza), 0.5 mg/mL Hydrocortisone (#H4001, Sigma), 100 ng/mL Cholera toxin (#C-8052, Sigma), and 10 µg/mL Insulin (#I-1882, Sigma). The other cells were maintained in DMEM (#10-013-CV, Corning) supplemented with 10% fetal bovine serum (#SH30910.03, Hyclone) and 1% penicillin/streptomycin (#15140-122, Gibco). The Flag-tagged p53 constructs and corresponding PIP_n-binding-defective 6Q mutants in this work have been described previously[18]. The HA-tagged wild-type PITPα/β constructs and PI-binding deficient mutants T59D[37] were purchased from Genscript. Plasmids were transfected into mammalian cells using Lipofectamine™3000, (#L3000015, Thermo Fisher Scientific) according to the manufacturer's instructions. Typically, 2-5 µg of DNA and 6-10 µl of lipid were used for transfecting cells in 6-well plates. Cells with at least 80% transfection efficiency were used for further analysis.

Antibodies and reagents

Monoclonal antibodies against p53 (clone DO-1, #SC-126, Santa Cruz Biotechnology), p53 (clone 7F5, #2527, Cell Signaling), $pAkt^{S473}$ (clone 193H12, #4058, Cell Signaling), HA-tag (clone C29F4, #3724, Cell Signaling), Flag-tag (clone D6W5B, #14793, Cell

Signaling), GAPDH (clone 0411, #sc-47724, Santa Cruz Biotechnology), Lamin B2 (clone

D8P3U, #12255, Cell Signaling), EGFR (clone D6B6, #2085, Cell Signaling), HSP27

(clone D6W5V, #95357, Cell Signaling), and polyclonal antibodies against PITPα

(#16613-1-AP, ThermoFisher), PITPβ (#ab127563, abcam), PITPNC1 (IF, #ab222078,

abcam), PITPNC1 (WB, #NBP2-19842, Novus), PITPNM1 (#26983-1-AP, Proteintech),

PITPNM2 (#PA5-48616, Invitrogen), pAkt^{T308} (#9275, Cell Signaling), PI4KIIα (#NBP2-

44158, Novus), PI4KIIIα (#4902S, CST), PI4KIIβ (#PA5-82133, Thermo), PI4KIIIβ

(#ab134756, abcam), and αB-Crystallin (#ADI-SPA-223-F, Enzo) were used in this study.

For conventional immunostaining and PLA analysis of phosphoinositides, anti-PI4P (#Z-

P004), PI4,5P$_2$ (#Z-P045), and PI3,4,5P$_3$ (#Z-P345) antibodies were purchased from

Echelon Biosciences. For immunoblotting analyses, antibodies were diluted at a 1:1000

ratio except for p53 (clone DO-1, 1:5000) and GAPDH (clone 0411, 1:5000). For

immunoprecipitation, antibody-conjugated agarose was purchased from Santa Cruz

Biotechnology, including agarose-conjugated antibodies against p53 (#sc-126AC),

PITPα/β (#sc-398050AC), HA-tag (#sc-7392AC), and Flag-tag (#sc-166355AC). For

immunostaining analyses and proximity ligation assay (PLA), antibodies were diluted at

a 1:100 ratio. The nuclear envelope marker (Alexa Fluor®488 Lamin A/C, clone 4C11,

#8617, Cell Signaling, 1:200) examined subnuclear regions. For the knockdown (KD)

experiments, the ON-TARGETplus siRNA SMARTpool with four siRNAs in combination

against human p53 (#L-003329-00), PITPα (#L-018010-00), PITPβ (#L-006459-01), and

PITPNC1 (#L-012476-02) were purchased from Dharmacon. Non-targeting siRNA (#D-

001810-01, Dharmacon) was used as a control. For the KD and rescue experiments,

pooled-siRNAs targeting the 3'UTR of PITPα (sense 5'-

AGGCAACUUUCGAUUCCUUACUGUA-3'   and   antisense   5'-

UACAGUAAGGAAUCGAAAGUUGCCU-3';   sense   5'-

CCGUCUCUCUCCAUUGUGUUCCGAU-3'   and   antisense   5'-

AUCGGAACACAAUGGAGAGAGACGG-3') and pooled-siRNAs targeting the 3'UTR of

PITPβ (sense 5'- GAGUGAACAACAAUCUGACCAGUAU-3' and antisense 5'-

AUACUGGUCAGAUUGUUGUUCACUC-3'; sense 5'- CUACAAAGCUGAUGAAGAC-3'

and antisense 5'-GUCUUCAUCAGCUUUGUAG-3') were purchased from Thermo Fisher

Scientific. The siRNAs were delivered to cells by RNAiMAX reagent (#13778150, Thermo

Fisher Scientific), and KD efficiency was determined by immunoblotting. KD efficiency

greater than 80% was required to observe phenotypic changes in the study. Cisplatin

(#NC1706394, Fisher Scientific), PI-273 (#AOB37765, aobious), and NC03 (#AOB17420,

aobious) were also used.

Immunoprecipitation and immunoblotting

Cells were removed from the medium after the indicated treatment, washed three times

with ice-cold PBS, and lysed in an ice-cold RIPA lysis buffer system (#sc-24948, Santa

Cruz Biotechnology) with 1 mM Na_3VO_4, 5 mM NaF, and 1x protease inhibitor cocktail

(#11836153001, Roche). The cell lysates were then sonicated followed by incubation at

4°C with continuous rotation for 1 h and centrifuged at maximum speed for 10 min to

collect the supernatant. The protein concentration in the supernatant was measured by

the Bradford protein assay (#5000201, BIO-RAD). All antibodies were diluted at a 1:1000

ratio for immunoblotting unless otherwise indicated. For immunoprecipitation, 0.5-1 mg of

protein was incubated with 20 µl of antibody-conjugated agarose (Santa Cruz

Biotechnology) at 4°C for 24 h. After washing three times with PBST (PBS with 0.1%

Tween 20), the protein complex was eluted with SDS sample buffer and boiled at 95°C

for 10 min. For immunoblotting, 5-20 µg of protein were loaded. For immunoblotting of

immunoprecipitated complexes, horseradish peroxidase (HRP)-conjugated antibodies

were used to avoid non-specific detection of immunoglobulin in the immunoprecipitated

samples. HRP-conjugated p53 (#sc-126HRP), PITPα (#sc-13569HRP), and PITPβ (#sc-

390500HRP) antibodies were purchased from Santa Cruz Biotechnology. Immunoblots

were developed by Odyssey Imaging System (LI-COR Biosciences), and the intensity of

protein bands was quantified using ImageJ. Statistical data analysis was performed with

Microsoft Excel, using data from at least three independent experiments.

Fluorescent IP-WB

Cells were lysed in a RIPA lysis buffer system[17] and lysates were incubated with 20 µl

anti-p53 (#sc-126 AC, Santa Cruz Biotechnology) mouse monoclonal IgG antibody-

conjugated agarose at 4°C for 24 h. Normal immunoglobulin (IgG)-conjugated agarose

was used as a negative control (#sc-2343, Santa Cruz Biotechnology). The protein

complex was eluted with SDS sample buffer and boiled at 95°C for 10 min. For

immunoblotting, 5-20 µg of protein were loaded. The protein complexes were analyzed

via WB as described above. For double fluorescent IP-WB detecting p53-

PI4P/PI4,5P$_2$/PI3,4,5P$_3$ complexes, anti-p53 rabbit monoclonal IgG antibody (clone 7F5,

#2527, Cell Signaling) at 1:2000 dilution and anti-PI4P mouse monoclonal IgM antibody

(#Z-P004, Echelon Biosciences), PI4,5P$_2$ mouse monoclonal IgM antibody (#Z-P045,

Echelon Biosciences), or PI3,4,5P$_3$ mouse monoclonal IgM antibody (#Z-P345, Echelon

Biosciences) at 1:1000 dilution were mixed in blocking buffer with 0.02 % Sodium Azide

and incubated with the membrane at 4°C overnight. For the secondary antibody

incubation, goat anti-rabbit IgG antibody conjugated with IRDye 800CW fluorophore

(#926-32211, LI-COR) and goat anti-mouse IgM antibody conjugated with IRDye 680RD

fluorophore (#926-68180, LI-COR) at 1:10000 dilution were mixed in blocking buffer with

0.01 % SDS and 0.1% Tween 20 and incubated with the membrane at room temperature

for 2 h. The images were subsequently acquired simultaneously using the 700 and 800

nm wavelength channels on the Odyssey Fc Imaging System (LI-COR Biosciences).

Statistical data analysis was performed with Microsoft Excel, using data from at least

three independent experiments.

Immunofluorescence (IF) and Confocal Microscopy

For immunofluorescence studies, cells were grown on coverslips coated with 0.2 %

gelatin (#G9391, Millipore Sigma). Cells were fixed with 4% paraformaldehyde (PFA)

(#sc-281692, Santa Cruz Biotechnology) for 20 min at room temperature, then washed

three times with PBS. Next, the cells were permeabilized with 0.3% Triton-X100 for 30

min to permeate the nuclear envelope thoroughly and were rewashed three times with

PBS. The cells were then blocked with 1% BSA in PBS for one hour at room temperature.

After blocking, cells were incubated with primary antibodies overnight at 4ºC. The cells

were then washed three times with PBS and incubated with fluorescent-conjugated

secondary antibodies (Molecular Probes) for 1 hour at room temperature. After secondary

antibody incubation, the cells were washed three times. Then the coverslips were

removed from the dishes, air-dried for 10 min at room temperature and mounted in

Prolong^TM Glass Antifade Mountant with NucBlue^TM Stain (#P36985, Thermo Fisher

Scientific). The images were taken by a Leica SP8 3xSTED Super-Resolution Microscope,

a point scanning confocal, and a 3xSTED super-resolution microscope using LASX

software (Leica Microsystems). All images were acquired using the 100X objective lens

(N.A. 1.4 oil). The z-stack images were taken with each frame of 0.2 μm thickness. For

quantification, the mean fluorescent intensity of channels in each cell was measured by

LASX. GraphPad Prism Version 9.4.1 generated quantitative graphs. The images were

processed using ImageJ. The correlation of double staining channels was quantified by

GraphPad Prism using Pearson's correlation coefficient (Pearson's r), ranging between 1

and −1.

Proximity Ligation Assay (PLA)

PLA was utilized to detect *in situ* protein-protein/PIP$_n$ interaction or close proximity, as

previously described[17, 18, 31]. After fixation and permeabilization, cells were blocked before

incubation with primary antibodies as in routine IF staining. The cells were then processed

for PLA (#DUO92101, MilliporeSigma) according to the manufacturer's instruction and

previous publications[17, 18, 31]. Post-PLA slides were further processed for

immunofluorescent staining against the nuclear membrane marker (Lamin A/C, #8617,

Cell Signaling). After washing, the slides were processed and imaged as indicated in the

IF section above. The Leica SP8 confocal microscope detected PLA signals as discrete

punctate foci and provided the intracellular localization of the complex. ImageJ was used

to quantify the nuclear PLA foci.

Crystal Violet Cell Viability Assay

In 96-well plates, 5×10^4 cells/well of MDA-MB-231, MDA-MB-231[Cas9], BT549, SUM159,

or SUM1315 cells were transfected with control siRNAs or siRNAs targeting p53, PITPα,

PITPβ, PITPNC1, or the combination of PITPα and PITPβ as indicated for 48 h. For the

KD rescue experiments, MDA-MB-231 cells were transfected with control siRNAs or

siRNAs targeting 3'UTR of PITPα and PITPβ for 24 h. Next, the cells were transfected

with HA-tagged wild-type PITPα or its PI-binding deficient T59D mutant PITPα for another

24 h. The cells were then treated with the control vehicle or 30 μM cisplatin for 24 h, and

the cells were subsequently fixed with 4% PFA and stained with 0.2% Crystal Violet. After

washing, the plates were air-dried at room temperature and imaged using the EVOS

M5000 Imaging System (ThermoFisher Scientific). The dye was extracted from the cells

with 10% acetic acid and quantified by measuring the absorbance at 570 nm using a

Synergy HTX Multi-Mode Microplate reader.

Caspase 3 Activity Assay

In 6-well plates, 1×10^6 cells/well of MDA-MB-231, BT549, SUM159, or SUM1315 were

transfected with control siRNAs or siRNAs targeting p53, PITPα, PITPβ, PITPNC1, or the

combination of PITPα and PITPβ as indicated for 48 h. For the KD rescue experiments,

MDA-MB-231 cells were transfected with control siRNAs or siRNAs targeting 3'UTR of

PITPα and PITPβ for 24 h. Then, the cells were transfected with either HA-tagged wild-

type PITPα or its PI-binding deficient T59D mutant PITPα for another 24 h, followed by

treatment with a control vehicle or 30 μM cisplatin for 24 h. Next, the cells were lysed and

processed for a Caspase 3 activity assay following the manufacturer's instructions (#E-

13183, Thermo Fisher Scientific). The fluorescence was read at excitation/emission

342/441 nm using a Synergy HTX Multi-Mode Microplate reader.

Microscale Thermophoresis (MST) Assay

The microscale thermophoresis (MST) assay was used to calculate the binding affinities

of purified recombinant proteins (p53 (#81091, Active Motif), PITPα (#ab101666, Abcam),

PITPβ (#LS-C794864, LSBio), PITPNC1 (#LS-G33119-10, LSBio) PI4KIIα (lab-made))

and other contributing factors *in vitro* as previously described[61]. Following the

manufacturer's instruction, the target protein was fluorescently labeled using a Monolith

Protein Labeling kit (RED-NHS 2nd Generation MO-L011, Nano Temper). Then,

sequential titration of unlabeled ligand proteins or PI (#840042P, Avanti), was made in a

Tris-based MST buffer and mixed with an equal volume of fluorescently labelled target

protein prepared at 10 nM concentration in the same MST buffer, making the final target

protein at a constant concentration of 5 nM and the ligand-protein or lipid as the gradient.

For PI cofactor analysis, target proteins were mixed with 1 µM PI before ligand proteins.

The target–ligand mixtures were loaded into Monolith NT.115 series capillaries (MO-K022,

Nano Temper), and the MST traces were measured using Monolith NT.115 pico. The

binding affinity was auto-generated using MO Control v.1.6 software.

In vitro binding assay

494 Recombinant proteins were added at the indicated concentration to determine the ability

495 and kinetics of the direct protein interaction. Additional *In vitro* binding assay details are

496 described in supplemental methods.

Nuclear Fractionation

Nuclear fractionation was performed using NE-PER nuclear and cytoplasmic extraction reagents (#78833, Thermo) according to the manufacturer's instructions. Additional details are described in supplemental methods.

Lenti-CRISPR Gene Editing

CRISPR-Cas9 genome for PITPβ knock-out in MDA-MB-231 cells is described in supplemental methods.

Transwell Invasion Assay

Cells were treated and serum starved before being plated in the upper insert chamber of a culture plate. EGF was added to the lower chamber and invading cells were analyzed. Additional details are provided in supplemental methods.

Statistics and Reproducibility

Two-tailed unpaired *t*-tests were used for pair-wise significance, and one-way ANOVA was used for group significance with Bonferroni's multiple comparisons test used for significance within grouped samples. We note that no power calculations were used. Sample sizes were determined based on previously published experiments where significant differences were observed[17, 18]. We used at least three independent experiments or biologically independent samples for statistical analysis.

Resource and Data Availability

516   All data supporting the findings of this study are available from the corresponding authors

517   upon reasonable request.

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 FIGURE LEGEND

 Figure 1. p53 interacts with the PITPs in the nucleus upon stress

a, Domains of PITP class I and II protein family members. PITD, PI transfer domain; FFAT,

two phenylalanines in an acidic tract; DDHD, Asp-Asp-His-Asp motif; LNS2,

Lipin/Nde1/Smp2 domain.

b-e, Co-IP of PITPα/PITPβ/Hsp27 with p53 from MDA-MB-231 cells treated with vehicle

or 30 μM cisplatin for 24 h. PITPα IP-ed by p53 (**c**), PITPβ IP-ed by p53 (**d**), and Hsp27

IP-ed by p53 (**e**), as well as PITPNC1/PITPNM1/PITPNM2 were analyzed by WB. *p* value

denotes two-sided paired t-test.

f-i, Co-IP of p53/Hsp27/αB-crystallin (αBC) with the shared epitope of PITPα/β from MDA-

MB-231 cells treated with vehicle or 30 μM cisplatin for 24 h. p53 IP-ed by PITPα/β (**g**),

Hsp27 IP-ed by PITPα/β (**h**), and αBC IP-ed by PITPα/β (**i**) were analyzed by WB. *p* value

denotes two-sided paired t-test.

j-k, PLA of p53-PITPα/PITPβ/PITPNC1/PITPNM1/PITPNM2 in MDA-MB-231 cells

treated with vehicle or 30 μM cisplatin for 24 h. The nuclear p53-PITP foci were quantified

(**k**). n=3, 10 cells from each independent experiment. *p* value denotes two-sided paired t-

test. See expanded images in Extended Data Fig. 2a.

l, PLA of p53-PITPα/PITPβ/PITPNC1/PITPNM1/PITPNM2 overlaid with the nuclear

envelope marker Lamin A/C in MDA-MB-231 cells treated with vehicle or 30 μM cisplatin

for 24 h. The nuclei were counterstained by DAPI. See expanded images in Extended

Data Fig. 2e.

m, Co-IP of PITPα/PITPβ with p53 in BT549, Cal33, HS578T, SUM159, SUM1315 cells

treated with vehicle or 30 μM cisplatin for 24 h. PITPα/PITPβ IPed by p53 (**n**) and

PITPNC1/PITPNM1/PITPNM2 were analyzed by WB. See expanded images in Extended

Data Fig. 3j-n.

n, The interaction of recombinant fluorescently labelled p53 with other components was

quantitated by MST assay. A constant concentration of fluorescently labelled p53 (5 nM)

was incubated with increasing concentrations of non-labelled ligand with or without the

addition of 1 µM PI and analyzed using a Monolith NT.115 pico, and the binding affinity

was autogenerated by MO. Control v.1.6 software. Data are presented as the mean ± SD.

For all panels, n=3 independent experiments.

Figure 2. PITPα/β regulate p53-PIP$_n$ complexes

a-c, MDA-MB-231 cells were transfected with control siRNAs or siRNAs against p53,

PITPα, PITPβ, PITPNC1, or both PITPα and PITPβ. After 24 h, cells were treated with 30

µM cisplatin or vehicle for 24 h before being processed for PLA to detect p53-PI4,5P$_2$/-

PI3,4,5P$_3$ complexes (**b,c**). n=3, 10 cells from each independent experiment. *p* value

denotes ANOVA with Bonferroni's multiple comparisons test. See KD validation in

Extended Data Fig. 4d and expanded images in Extended Data Fig. 4a,b.

d-f, A549 cells were transfected with control siRNAs or siRNAs against PITPα, PITPβ, or

both PITPα and PITPβ. After 24 h, cells were treated with 30 µM cisplatin or vehicle for

24 h before being processed for PLA to detect p53-PI4,5P$_2$/PI3,4,5P$_3$ complexes (**e,f**).

n=3, 10 cells from each independent experiment. *p* value denotes ANOVA with

Bonferroni's multiple comparisons test. See KD validation in Extended Data Fig. 4e.

g, MDA-MB-231 cells were treated with 30 µM cisplatin or vehicle for 24 h before being

processed for IP against p53. p53-bound PI4P/PI4,5P$_2$/PI3,4,5P$_3$ were examined by

fluorescent WB. See quantification in Extended Data Fig. 4c.

h-k, MDA-MB-231 cells were transfected with control siRNAs or siRNAs against PITPα,

PITPβ, or both PITPα and PITPβ. After 24 h, cells were treated with 30 µM cisplatin or

vehicle for 24 h before being processed for IP against p53. p53-bound

PI4P/PI4,5P$_2$/PI3,4,5P$_3$ were examined by fluorescent WB and quantified by ImageJ (**i-**

k). *p* value denotes ANOVA with Bonferroni's multiple comparisons test. See KD

validation in Extended Data Fig. 4d.

l-m, A549 cells were transfected with control siRNAs or siRNAs against PITPα, PITPβ,

or both PITPα and PITPβ. After 24 h, cells were treated with 30 µM cisplatin or vehicle

for 24 h before being processed for IP against p53. The PI4,5P$_2$ level on IPed p53 was

quantified by ImageJ (**m**). *p* value denotes ANOVA with

Bonferroni's multiple comparisons test. See KD validation in Extended Data Fig. 4e.

For all panels, n=3 independent experiments and data are represented as mean ± SD.

Scale bar, 5 µm.

Figure 3. PI4KIIα interacts with p53 to generate p53-PI4P complexes

a-b, MDA-MB-231 cells were transfected with control siRNAs or siRNAs against PI4KIIIα,

PI4KIIIβ, PI4KIIα, PI4KIIβ or both PI4KIIα and PI4KIIIα. After 24 h, cells were treated with

30 µM cisplatin or vehicle for 24 h before being processed for PLA to detect p53-PI4P

complexes (**b**). n=3, 15 cells from each independent experiment. *p* value denotes ANOVA

with Bonferroni's multiple comparisons test. See KD confirmation in Fig. 3c and expanded

images in Extended Data Fig. 5a.

c, MDA-MB-231 cells were transfected with control siRNAs or siRNAs against PI4KIIIα,

PI4KIIIβ, PI4KIIα, PI4KIIβ or both PI4KIIα and PI4KIIIα. After 24 h, cells were treated with

30 µM cisplatin or vehicle for 24 h before being processed for WB. p53 levels were

quantified by ImageJ. p value denotes ANOVA with

Bonferroni's multiple comparisons test.

d, A549 and MDA-MB-231 cells were transfected with control siRNAs or siRNAs against

PI4KIIIα, PIPKIα or both PI4KIIα and PIPKIα. After 24 h, cells were treated with 30 µM

cisplatin or vehicle for 24 h before being processed for WB. p53 levels were quantified by

ImageJ. p value denotes ANOVA with Bonferroni's multiple comparisons test.

e,f, MDA-MB-231 and A549 cells were transfected with control siRNAs or siRNAs against

PI4KIIIα, PIPKIα or both PI4KIIα and PIPKIα. After 24 h, cells were treated with 30 µM

cisplatin or vehicle for 24 h before being processed for PLA to detect p53-PI4P complexes.

n=3, 15 cells from each independent experiment. p value denotes ANOVA with

Bonferroni's multiple comparisons test. See KD confirmation in Fig. 3d and expanded

images in Extended Data Fig. 5b.

g, MDA-MB-231 cells were treated with vehicle or cisplatin in combination with DMSO as

a control, PI-273, or NC03 for 24 h before being processed for PLA to detect p53-PI4,5P$_2$

complexes and analyzed using ImageJ. p value denotes two-sided paired t-test. n=3, 15

cells from each independent experiment. See expanded images in Extended Data Fig.

5e.

h, MDA-MB-231 and A549 cells were treated with 30 µM cisplatin or vehicle for 24 h

before being processed for IP against p53. The PI4KIIIα, PI4KIIIβ, PI4KIIα, and PI4KIIβ

levels IPed with p53 were analyzed by WB.

i, MDA-MB-231[Cas9] cells with PITPβ KO and control non-targeted KO were transfected

with control siRNAs or siRNAs against PI4KIIα, PITPα, or both PI4KIIα and PITPα. After

24 h, cells were treated with 30 µM cisplatin or vehicle for 24 h before being processed

for WB.

j, Model showing PITPα/β cooperation with PI4KIIα in generating p53-PI4P complexes

that participate in further signaling.

For all panels, n=3 independent experiments and data are represented as mean ± SD.

Scale bar, 5 µm.

Figure 4. PITPα/β regulate p53-dependent nuclear Akt activation and cell survival

a-b, MDA-MB-231 cells were transfected with control siRNAs or siRNAs against PITPα,

PITPβ, PITPNC1, or both PITPα and PITPβ. After 24h, cells were treated with 30 µM

cisplatin or vehicle for 24 h before being processed for IF staining against pAkt^{S473}. The

nuclear pAkt^{S473} levels were quantified by ImageJ (**b**). n=3, 15 cells from each

independent   experiment.   *p*   value   denotes   ANOVA   with

Bonferroni's multiple comparisons test. Scale bar, 5 µm. See KD validation in Extended

Data Fig. 4d.

c-e, BT-549, SUM159, and SUM1315 cells with the indicated p53 status were transfected

with control siRNAs or siRNAs against both PITPα and PITPβ. After 24 h, cells were

treated with 30 µM cisplatin or vehicle for 24 h before being processed for IF staining

against pAkt^{S473}. The nuclei were counterstained by DAPI. The nuclear pAkt^{S473} levels

were quantified by ImageJ (**d**). n=3, 15 cells from each independent experiment. *p* value

denotes two-sided paired t-test. Scale bar, 5 µm. The double KD of PITPα and PITPβ in

SUM159 cells was validated by WB (**e**). See KD validation for BT-549 and SUM1315 cells

in Extended Data Fig. 8g, i.

f-g, MDA-MB-231 cells were transfected with control siRNAs or siRNAs against p53,

PITPα, PITPβ, PITPNC1, or both PITPα and PITPβ. After 24 h, cells were treated with 30

μM cisplatin or vehicle for 24 h before being processed for Crystal Violet viability assay.

The cells were imaged by an EVOS M5000 microscope (**f**) and quantified based on the

extracted dye using a plate reader (**g**). *p* value denotes ANOVA with

Bonferroni's multiple comparisons test. Scale bar, 300 μm.

h, MDA-MB-231^{Cas9} cells with PITPβ KO and control non-targeted KO were transfected

with control siRNAs or siRNAs against PITPα, PITPβ, or both PITPα and PITPβ. After 24

h, cells were treated with 30 μM cisplatin or vehicle for 24 h before being processed for

Crystal Violet viability assay. The cells were imaged by an EVOS M5000 microscope.

Scale bar, 300 μm. See quantification in Extended Data Fig. 8b.

i, MDA-MB-231 cells were transfected with control siRNAs or siRNAs against p53, PITPα,

PITPβ, PITPNC1, or both PITPα and PITPβ. After 24h, cells were treated with 30 μM

cisplatin or vehicle for 24 h before being processed for a caspase 3 activity assay. *p* value

denotes ANOVA with Bonferroni's multiple comparisons test.

For all panels, n=3 independent experiments and data are presented as the mean ± SD.

Figure 5. PITPα/β initiate the p53-PIP$_n$ signalosome by a PI binding-dependent

mechanism

a, HEK293FT cells were co-transfected with either HA-tagged wild-type PITPα or PI

binding-defective mutant T59D PITPα together with Flag-tagged p53^{wt}. After 48 h, cells

were processed for IP against Flag-tag and analyzed by WB. *p* value denotes two-sided

paired t-test.

b-d, MDA-MB-231 cells were transfected with control siRNAs or siRNAs against the

3'UTR of both PITPα and PITPβ for 24 h. Then, the cells were transfected with either HA-

tagged wild-type PITPα/β or PI binding-defective mutant T59D PITPα/β. After 24 h, cells

were treated with 30 µM cisplatin or vehicle for 24 h before being processed for WB (**b**)

and IF staining against HA-tag with pAkt^{S473} (**c**). The nuclear pAkt^{S473} levels in HA-positive

cells were quantified by ImageJ (**d**). n=3, 15 cells from each independent experiment. *p*

value denotes two-sided paired t-test. Scale bar, 5 µm.

e-f, Pearson's correlation coefficient (Pearson's r) quantified the correlations between

nuclear pAkt^{S473} and HA-PITPα$^{wt/T59D}$ levels. n=100 cells pooled from 3 independent

experiments.

g-h, MDA-MB-231 cells were transfected with control siRNAs or siRNAs against the

3'UTR of both PITPα and PITPβ for 24 h. The cells were then transfected with either HA-

tagged wild-type PITPα or PI binding-defective mutant T59D PITPα. After 24 h, cells were

treated with 30 µM cisplatin or vehicle for 24 h before being processed for Crystal Violet

viability assay. The cells were imaged by an EVOS M5000 microscope (**g**) and quantified

based on the extracted dye using a plate reader (**h**). *p* value denotes two-sided paired t-

test. Scale bar, 300 µm.

i, MDA-MB-231 cells were transfected with control siRNAs or siRNAs against the 3'UTR

of both PITPα and PITPβ for 24 h. The cells were then transfected with either HA-tagged

wild-type PITPα or PI binding-defective mutant T59D PITPα. After 24 h, cells were treated

with 30 µM cisplatin or vehicle for 24 h before being processed for a caspase 3 activity

assay. *p* value denotes two-sided paired t-test.

j, A model of the stress-induced nuclear accumulation of class I PITPs and PITP-

dependent initiation of the p53-PI signalosome, which promotes cell proliferation, survival,

and invasion.

For all panels, n=3 independent experiments and data are presented as the mean ± SD.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION (methods)

Nuclear Fractionation

Nuclear fractionation was used to analyze compartmentalized protein expression. MDA-

MB-231 cells were processed using the NE-PER nuclear and cytoplasmic extraction

reagents (#78833, Thermo) according to the manufacturer's instructions. Cells were

manually removed from their culture dishes into suspension, and the cytosolic extraction

reagent was used to isolate cytosolic fractions. Then, the nuclear extraction reagent was

used to produce the nuclear fraction.

***In vitro* binding assay**

The recombinant proteins p53 (#81091, Active Motif), PITPα (#ab101666, Abcam), PITPβ

(#ab101091, Abcam), and PI4KIIα (lab made) were used for *In Vitro* binding assays. The

binding assay was performed in PBS by incubating a constant amount of p53 or PI4KIIα

with an increasing amount of p53, PITPα/β, or PI4KIIα in the presence of 20 µl anti-p53

antibody-conjugated agarose (#sc-126AC, Santa Cruz). After incubating overnight at 4°C,

unbound proteins were removed by washing three times with PBST, and the protein

complex was analyzed by immunoblotting.

Lenti-CRISPR Gene Editing

CRISPR-Cas9 genome editing was used to knock out the gene encoding PITPβ in MDA-

MB-231 cells. First, a Cas9 expressing stable cell line was generated by transducing cells

with viral particles (#LVCAS9BST, Sigma Aldrich) at the multiplicity of infection (MOI) of

0.5. Transduction was performed in complete media containing 8µg/mL polybrene. After

24 h incubation, Cas9-expressing cells were selected with 10µg/mL blasticidin

(#DSB12150; Dot Scientific) for 1 week, and expression was confirmed. To generate

PITPβ KO cells, viral particles containing the guide RNA sequence for PITPβ (5'-

CAATCATCCTCACGAATGC-3')   and   negative   control   (5'-

CGCGATAGCGCGAATATATT-3') were purchased from Sigma Aldrich. Sequences were

cloned into LV21 lentiviral vectors (Sigma Aldrich). Cas9-expressing cells were then

transduced with viral particles at a MOI of 0.5 and incubated for 24 h. Transduction was

performed in the presence of 8µg/mL polybrene in complete media. Media was removed

24 h after viral transduction and 1500 µg/mL geneticin (#10131035; Sigma Aldrich) was

added for selection. After 1 week of selection in antibiotics, single cells were isolated in

the 96-well tissue culture dish by BD FACS AriaII.

Transwell Invasion Assay

The bottom polycarbonate filter surface of a 6.5 mm diameter insert with 8 µm pores in a

24-well plate (#3422, Corning) was coated with 10 µg/ml of Laminin (#CC095, Millipore

Sigma) diluted in PBS for 3 h at 37°C. MDA-MB-231 cells were transiently transfected

with control siRNAs or siRNAs targeting the 3'UTR of both PITPα and PITPβ for 24 h.

Then, the cells were transfected with either HA-tagged wild-type PITPα or its PI-binding

deficient T59D mutant PITPα. After 24 h, cells were serum starved for an additional 24 h.

Next, $5x10^4$ transfected cells were suspended in 200 µl serum-free medium containing

0.5% BSA and then were plated in the upper insert chamber in 500 µl serum-free medium

with 0.5% BSA. 10 ng/ml EGF was added to the lower chamber. Cells were allowed to

invade for 16 h at 37°C. Cells on the bottom of the filter were then fixed with 4% PFA and

stained with 0.2% Crystal Violet. The stained cells were imaged using the EVOS M5000

Imaging System (ThermoFisher Scientific). At the end of the assay, the dye was extracted

by 10% acetic acid from the cells and quantified by measuring the optical density at 570

nm using a Synergy HTX Multi-Mode Microplate reader.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION (extended data)

Extended Data Figure 1. PITPα/β validation and interaction with p53

a, MDA-MB-231[Cas9] cells with PITPβ KO and control non-targeted KO were transfected

with control siRNAs or siRNAs against PITPα. After 48 h, cells were processed for WB to

analyze PITPα and PITPβ expression. n=3 independent experiments.

b-e, *In vitro* binding of recombinant p53 and PITPα (**b-c**) and p53 and PITPβ (**d-e**). Anti-

p53 antibody-conjugated agarose was incubated with constant p53 and increasing PITPα

or PITPβ protein. p53 was then IPed and analyzed by WB and quantified by ImageJ for

p53-bound PITPα (**c**) and p53-bound PITPβ (**e**). n=3 independent experiments.

For all graphs, data are presented as the mean ± SD.

Extended Data Figure 2. p53 interacts with class I PITPs in the nucleus in

response to stress

a, PLA of p53-PITPα/PITPβ/PITPNC1/PITPNM1/PITPNM2 in MDA-MB-231 cells treated

with vehicle or 30 μM cisplatin for 24 h. n=3, 10 cells from each independent experiment.

p value denotes two-sided paired t-test. See expanded images in Fig. 1j and quantification

in Fig. 1k.

b-c, PLA of p53-PITPα/PITPβ/PITPNC1/PITPNM1/PITPNM2 in A549 cells treated with

vehicle or 30 µM cisplatin for 24 h. The nuclear p53-PITP foci were quantified (**c**). n=3,

10 cells from each independent experiment. *p* value denotes two-sided paired t-test.

d, PLA of p53-PITPα/PITPβ/PITPNC1/PITPNM1/PITPNM2 overlaid with the nuclear

envelope marker Lamin A/C in A549 cells treated with vehicle or 30 µM cisplatin for 24 h.

The nuclei were counterstained by DAPI. n=3 independent experiments.

e, PLA of p53-PITPα/PITPβ/PITPNC1/PITPNM1/PITPNM2 overlaid with the nuclear

envelope marker Lamin A/C in MDA-MB-231 cells treated with vehicle or 30 µM cisplatin

for 24 h. The nuclei were counterstained by DAPI. n=3 independent experiments. See

expanded images in Fig. 1l.

f, 3D sections of p53-PITPβ PLA foci overlaid with Lamin A/C in MDA-MB-231 treated

with vehicle or 30 µM cisplatin for 24 h. The nuclei were counterstained by DAPI. Each

frame of the 3D sections was over a 0.2 µm thickness.

For all graphs, data are presented as the mean ± SD. Scale bar, 5 µm.

Extended Data Figure 3. p53 interacts with class I PITPs in the nucleus in

response to stress

a, MDA-MB-231 cells were treated with vehicle or cisplatin for 24 h. Cells were then

fractionated using a detergent-based extraction to produce lysates from cytosolic and

nuclear fractions and analyzed via WB. n=3 independent experiments.

b-e, Co-IP of p53/Hsp27/αB-crystallin (αBC) with the shared epitope of PITPα/β in

MCF10A cells treated with vehicle or 30 µM cisplatin for 24 h. p53 immunoprecipitated

(IPed) by PITPα/β (**c**), Hsp27 IPed by PITPα/β (**d**), and αBC IPed by PITPα/β (**e**) were

analyzed by WB. n=3 independent experiments.

f-g, Co-IP of p53 with the shared epitope of PITPα/β in A549 cells treated with vehicle or

30 μM cisplatin for 24 h. p53 IPed by PITPα/β was analyzed by WB (**g**). n=3 independent

experiments.

h-i, Co-IP of p53 with the shared epitope of PITPα/β in HCT116 cells treated with vehicle

or 30 μM cisplatin for 24 h. p53 IPed by PITPα/β was analyzed by WB (**i**). n=3 independent

experiments.

j-n, Co-IP of PITPα/PITPβ with p53 in BT549, Cal33, HS578T, SUM159, SUM1315 cells

treated with vehicle or 30 μM cisplatin for 24 h. PITPα/PITPβ IPed by p53 and

PITPNC1/PITPNM1/PITPNM2 were analyzed by WB. n=3 independent experiments.

For all panels, data are represented as mean ± SD, and the *p* value denotes a two-sided

paired t-test.

Extended Data Figure 4. PITPα/β regulate p53-PIP$_n$ complexes and p53 levels

a-b, MDA-MB-231 cells were transfected with control siRNAs or siRNAs against p53,

PITPα, PITPβ, PITPNC1, or both PITPα and PITPβ. After 24 h, cells were treated with 30

μM cisplatin or vehicle for 24 h before being processed for PLA to detect p53-PI4,5P$_2$ (**a**)

and p53-PI3,4,5P$_3$ (**b**) complexes. n=3 independent experiments. See KD validation in

Extended Data Fig. 4a, expanded images in Fig. 2a, and quantification in Fig. 2b,c.

c, MDA-MB-231 cells were treated with 30 μM cisplatin or vehicle for 24 h before being

processed for IP against p53. p53-bound PI4P/PI4,5P$_2$/PI3,4,5P$_3$ were examined by

fluorescent WB in Fig. 2g before being analyzed by imageJ. n=3 independent

experiments. *p* value denotes two-sided paired t-test.

d, MDA-MB-231 cells were transfected with control siRNAs or siRNAs against p53, PITPα,

PITPβ, PITPNC1, or both PITPα and PITPβ. After 24 h, cells were treated with 30 μM

cisplatin or vehicle for 24 h before being processed for WB to validate the KD. The p53

level was quantified by ImageJ. n=3 independent experiments. *p* value denotes ANOVA

with Bonferroni's multiple comparisons test.

e, A549 cells were transfected with control siRNAs or siRNAs against PITPα, PITPβ, or

both PITPα and PITPβ. After 24 h, cells were treated with 30 μM cisplatin or vehicle for

24 h before being processed for WB. The p53 level was quantified by ImageJ. n=3

independent experiments. *p* value denotes ANOVA with

Bonferroni's multiple comparisons test.

For all panels, data are represented as mean ± SD. Scale bar, 5 μm.

Extended Data Figure 5. PI4KIIα activity is required to generate p53-PI4P

a, MDA-MB-231 cells were transfected with control siRNAs or siRNAs against PI4KIIIα,

PI4KIIIβ, PI4KIIα, PI4KIIβ or both PI4KIIα and PI4KIIIα. After 24 h, cells were treated with

30 μM cisplatin or vehicle for 24 h before being processed for PLA to detect p53-PI4P

complexes (**b**). n=3 independent experiment. See expanded images in Fig. 3a and

quantification in Fig. 3b.

b, MDA-MB-231 and A549 cells were transfected with control siRNAs or siRNAs against

PI4KIIIα, PIPKIα or both PI4KIIα and PIPKIα. After 24 h, cells were treated with 30 μM

cisplatin or vehicle for 24 h before being processed for PLA to detect p53-PI4P complexes.

n=3 independent experiment. See KD confirmation in Fig. 3d, expanded images in Fig.

3e, and quantification in Fig. 3f.

c-d, MDA-MB-231 cells were treated with vehicle or cisplatin in combination with DMSO

as a control, PI-273, or NC03 for 24 h before being processed for PLA to detect p53-PI4P

complexes and analyzed using ImageJ (**d**). p value denotes two-sided paired t-test. n=3,

15 cells from each independent experiment.

e, MDA-MB-231 cells were treated with vehicle or cisplatin in combination with DMSO as

a control, PI-273, or NC03 for 24 h before being processed for PLA to detect p53-PI4,5P_2

complexes. n=3 independent experiments. See quantification in Fig. 3g.

For all panels, scale bar, 5 µm.

Extended Data Figure 6. p53^{6Q} mutants still form p53-PI4P complexes

a-b, H1299 cells transfected with constructs expressing p53 WT, WT6Q, 175H, 175H6Q,

248Q and 248Q6Q were treated with 30 µM cisplatin for 24 h. Then, the cells were

processed for PLA to detect p53-PI4P complexes (**b**). Nuclei were counterstained by

DAPI. p value denotes two-sided paired t-test. n=3 independent experiments.

c-d, H1299 cells transfected with constructs expressing p53 WT, WT6Q, 175H, 175H6Q,

248Q, and 248Q6Q were treated with 30 µM cisplatin for 24 h. Then, the cells were

processed for PLA to detect p53-PI3,4,5P_3 complexes (**d**). Nuclei were counterstained by

DAPI. p value denotes two-sided paired t-test. n=3 independent experiments.

For all panels, data are represented as mean ± SD. Scale bar, 5 µm.

Extended Data Figure 7. PI4KIIα interacts with PITPα/β and p53 cooperatively

a-c, *In vitro* binding of recombinant PI4KIIα and p53 (**a**), PI4KIIα and PITPα (**b**), and

PI4KIIα and PITPβ (**c**). p53, PITPα, or PITPβ immobilized on the indicated antibody-

conjugated agarose was incubated with PI4KIIα protein. p53, PITPα or PITPβ was IPed

and p53-bound PI4KIIα (**a**), PITPα-bound PI4KIIα (**b**) and PITPβ-bound PI4KIIα (**c**) was

analyzed by WB and quantified by ImageJ. n=3 independent experiments.

d, The interaction of recombinant fluorescently labelled PI4KIIα with other components

was quantitated by MST assay. A constant concentration of fluorescently labelled PI4KIIα

(5 nM) was incubated with increasing concentrations of non-labelled ligand with or without

the addition of 1 μM PI and analyzed using a Monolith NT.115 pico, and the binding affinity

was autogenerated by MO. Control v.1.6 software. The binding affinities determined by

MST are shown as indicated K_d values. n=3 independent experiments.

e-g, *In vitro* binding of recombinant PITPβ and PI4KIIα with and without p53. Anti-PITPβ

antibody-conjugated agarose was incubated with constant PITPβ and increasing PI4KIIα

protein in the absence (**e**) or presence (**f**) of p53. PITPβ was then IPed, analyzed by WB,

and quantified by ImageJ for PITPβ-bound PI4KIIα. n=3 independent experiments.

For all panels, data are presented as the mean ± SD.

Extended Data Figure 8. PITPα/β regulate Akt activation and chemoresistance

a, MDA-MB-231 cells were transfected with control siRNAs or siRNAs against both PITPα

and PITPβ. After 24 h, cells were treated with 30 μM cisplatin or vehicle for 24 h before

being processed for WB. n=3 independent experiments.

b, MDA-MB-231[Cas9] cells with PITPβ KO and control non-targeted KO were transfected

with control siRNAs or siRNAs against PITPα, PITPβ, or both PITPα and PITPβ. After 24

h, cells were treated with 30 μM cisplatin or vehicle for 24 h before being processed for

Crystal Violet viability assay. Viability was quantified based on the extracted dye using a

plate reader. *p* value denotes ANOVA with Bonferroni's multiple comparisons test. n=3

independent experiments. See representative images in Fig. 4h.

c-i, BT-549, SUM159, and SUM1315 cells were transfected with control siRNAs or

siRNAs against p53, PITPα, PITPβ, or both PITPα and PITPβ. After 24 h, cells were

treated with 30 µM cisplatin or vehicle for 24 h before being processed for Crystal Violet

viability assay. The cells were imaged by an EVOS M5000 microscope (**c**) and quantified

based on the extracted dye using a plate reader (**d-f**). The KD was validated by WB (**g-**

i). *p* value denotes ANOVA with Bonferroni's multiple comparisons test. n=3 independent

experiments.

j-l, BT-549, SUM159, and SUM1315 cells were transfected with control siRNAs or siRNAs

against p53, PITPα, PITPβ, or both PITPα and PITPβ. After 24 h, cells were treated with

30 µM cisplatin or vehicle for 24 h before being processed for a caspase 3 activity assay.

p value denotes ANOVA with Bonferroni's multiple comparisons test. n=3 independent

experiments.

For all graphs, data are presented as the mean ± SD. Scale bar, 300 µm.

Extended Data Figure 9. PITPs require PI binding to function with p53

a, HEK293FT cells were co-transfected with either HA-tagged wild-type PITPα or PI

binding-defective mutant T59D PITPα together with Flag-tagged mutant p53^{R175H}. After

48 h, cells were processed for IP against Flag-tag and analyzed by WB. *p* value denotes

two-sided paired t-test. n=3 independent experiments.

b, HEK293FT cells were co-transfected with either HA-tagged wild-type PITPβ or PI

binding-defective mutant T59D PITPβ together with Flag-tagged p53^{wt}. After 48 h, cells

were processed for IP against Flag-tag and analyzed by WB. *p* value denotes two-sided

paired t-test. n=3 independent experiments.

c, HEK293FT cells were co-transfected with either HA-tagged wild-type PITPβ or PI binding-defective mutant T59D PITPβ together with Flag-tagged mutant p53^{R175H}. After 48 h, cells were processed for IP against Flag-tag and analyzed by WB. *p* value denotes two-sided paired t-test. n=3 independent experiments.

d-e, MDA-MB-231 cells were transfected with control siRNAs or siRNAs against the 3'UTR of both PITPα and PITPβ for 24 h. The cells were then transfected with either HA-tagged wild-type PITPα or PI binding-defective mutant T59D PITPα. After 24 h, cells were serum starved for an additional 24 h and then scored for invasion through Laminin-coated transwell inserts with 8 μm pores using 10 ng/ml EGF as a chemoattractant for 16 h. The invading cells at the insert bottom were stained with Crystal Violet, imaged (**d**), and quantified (**e**) based on the extracted dye using a plate reader. n=3 independent experiments. *p* value denotes two-sided paired t-test. Scale bar, 300 μm.

For all graphs, data are presented as the mean ± SD.

Supplementary Video 1

3D reconstitution of the p53-PITPβ complex in the nucleoplasm of MDA-MB-231 cells under basal conditions

MDA-MB-231 cells were treated with control vehicle for 24 h before being processed for PLA between p53 and PITPβ (Red). Lamin A/C stained the nuclear envelope (Green), and the nuclei were counter-stained with DAPI (Blue). The z-stack images were taken with a Leica SP8 confocal microscope with each frame over a 0.2 μm thickness. The video of the 3D reconstitution of a representative cell from three independent experiments was generated by LASX.

Supplementary Video 2

3D reconstitution of the p53-PITPβ complex in the nucleoplasm of MDA-MB-231

cells under stress

MDA-MB-231 cells were treated with 30 μM cisplatin for 24 h before being processed for

PLA between p53 and PITPβ (Red). Lamin A/C stained the nuclear envelope (Green),

and the nuclei were counter-stained with DAPI (Blue). The z-stack images were taken

with a Leica SP8 confocal microscope with each frame over a 0.2 μm thickness. The

video of the 3D reconstitution of a representative cell from three independent experiments

was generated by LASX.

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a

IP: p53

| p53 (nM) | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 |
| PI4KIIα (nM) | 0 | 20 | 62.5 | 125 | 250 | 500 |

b

IP: PITPα

| PITPα (nM) | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 |
| PI4KIIα (nM) | 0 | 8 | 16 | 40 | 80 | 160 | 320 | 800 |

c

IP: PITPβ

| PITPβ (nM) | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 |
| PI4KIIα (nM) | 0 | 8 | 16 | 40 | 80 | 160 | 320 | 800 |

d

Microscale Thermophoresis (MST)	
Target Protein	Binding Affinity Kd with PI4KIIα (nM)
p53	8 ± 1
PITPα	189 ± 26
PITPα + PI (1µM)	16 ± 2
PITPβ	263 ± 12
PITPβ + PI (1µM)	113 ± 11

e

IP: PITPβ

| PITPβ (nM) | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 |
| PI4KIIα (nM) | 0 | 8 | 16 | 40 | 80 | 160 | 320 | 800 |

f

IP: PITPβ

PITPβ (nM)	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20
PI4KIIα (nM)	0	8	16	40	80	160	320	800
p53 (nM)	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	500

g

Fig. 4

Extended Data Fig. 8

a MDA-MB-231 (R280K)

siPITPα+β
Cisplatin

pAkt^S473
pAkt^T308
Akt
PITPα
PITPβ
β-actin

b MDA-MB-231^Cas9

Relative CV viability

$P=3.23\times10^{-6}$
$P=1.37\times10^{-7}$
$P=6.13\times10^{-11}$
$P=1.92\times10^{-7}$
$P=1.43\times10^{-10}$

Control KO   PITPβ KO

c

Vehicle   Cisplatin
siCon   siCon   sip53   siPITPα   siPITPβ   siPITPα+β

BT-549 (R249S)

SUM159 (R158InL)

SUM1315 (C135F)

d BT-549 (R249S)

Relative CV viability

$P=7.9\times10^{-4}$
$P=2.8\times10^{-2}$
$P=8.7\times10^{-4}$
$P=6.2\times10^{-6}$

e SUM159 (R158InL)

Relative CV viability

$P=0.07$

f SUM1315 (C135F)

Relative CV viability

$P=2.9\times10^{-3}$
$P=4.5\times10^{-2}$

g BT-549 (R249S)

PITPα
PITPβ
p53
GAPDH

h SUM159 (R158InL)

PITPα
PITPβ
p53
GAPDH

i SUM1315 (C135F)

PITPα
PITPβ
p53
GAPDH

j BT-549 (R249S)

Caspase 3 activity

$P=1.4\times10^{-3}$
$P=1.8\times10^{-4}$
$P=2.6\times10^{-4}$
$P=8.2\times10^{-7}$

k SUM159 (R158InL)

Caspase 3 activity

$P=5.6\times10^{-2}$
$P=9.2\times10^{-3}$
$P=4.7\times10^{-3}$
$P=2.2\times10^{-6}$

l SUM1315 (C135F)

Caspase 3 activity

$P=1.9\times10^{-3}$
$P=2.5\times10^{-4}$
$P=3.0\times10^{-5}$
$P=3.7\times10^{-7}$

Fig. 5

a HEK293FT

b MDA-MB-231 (R280K)

c Vehicle / Cisplatin

d

$P=3.74\times10^{-24}$

e Pearson's r 0.78

f Pearson's r 0.066

g MDA-MB-231 (R280K)

h MDA-MB-231 (R280K)

$P=3.22\times10^{-2}$

$P=2.50\times10^{-2}$

i MDA-MB-231 (R280K)

$P=2.08\times10^{-2}$

j

Extended Data Fig. 9

a

HEK293FT

	Input	IP: Flag	
HA-PITPα	WT T59D	WT T59D	
Flag-p53^R175H	+ +	+ +	kDa
HA (short)			-35
HA (long)			-35
Flag			-55
GAPDH			-35

IP-ed PITPα *P*=2.66×10⁻⁵

b

HEK293FT

	Input	IP: Flag	
HA-PITPβ	WT T59D	WT T59D	
Flag-p53^wt	+ +	+ +	kDa
HA (short)			-35
HA (long)			-35
Flag			-55
GAPDH			-35

IP-ed PITPβ *P*=3.43×10⁻⁴

c

HEK293FT

	Input	IP: Flag	
HA-PITPβ	WT T59D	WT T59D	
Flag-p53^R175H	+ +	+ +	kDa
HA (short)			-35
HA (long)			-35
Flag			-55
GAPDH			-35

IP-ed PITPβ *P*=2.97×10⁻⁵

d

MDA-MB-231 (R280K)

e

MDA-MB-231 (R280K)