C/EBPβ-mediated PARP1 Suppression Drives Tumor Progression of Aneuploid Cells

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Highlights

- Aneuploidy universally confers resistance to oxidative stress independent of p53 status, karyotype and cell lineage through inhibition of PARP1 expression and activity
- Suppressed PARP1 enhances metastatic potential, while PARP1 restoration suppresses metastatic spread, revealing a novel mechanism linking aneuploidy to cancer progression.
- PARP1 suppression compromises DNA damage repair and cell death to multiple genotoxic stressors, including reactive oxygen species, alkylating agents, and UV radiation.
- A genome-wide CRISPR screen and a CRISPRa screen identifies CEBPB as the critical transcription factor mediating PARP1 regulation and ROS resistance.
- Nuclear CEBPB increases significantly after aneuplodization in experimental systems and in scRNAseq of primary human cancer patients.

Summary

Aneuploidy—defined as gains and losses of chromosomes—is frequently observed in cancer and has been implicated in promoting tumor progression and metastasis. However, the molecular mechanisms underlying this phenomenon remain poorly understood. By generating new *in vitro* and *in vivo* models of aneuploidy, we found that aneuploidy confers remarkable resistance to reactive oxygen species (ROS)-mediated cell death. This is a general consequence of aneuploidy, independent of the specific chromosomes gained or lost. Mechanistically, aneuploidy-induced resistance to cell death results from suppressed Poly(ADP-Ribose) Polymerase 1 (PARP1) in aneuploid cells, which inhibits PARP1-mediated cell death after ROS (parthanatos). We validated aneuploidy-associated PARP1 suppression across 15 cell models and human tumors, with pronounced effects in metastatic tumors. Importantly, decreased PARP1 levels in aneuploid cells promote tumor metastasis and vice versa. Through genome-wide CRISPR screen, a focused CRISPRa screen and functional validation, we identified the transcription factor CCAAT/enhancer-binding protein beta (CEBPB) as a critical mediator of PARP1 downregulation and ROS resistance in aneuploid cells. Furthermore, we found lysosomal dysfunction as the upstream mediator of CEBPB activation in aneuploid cells. We propose that during tumorigenesis, aneuploidy-driven CEBPB activation promotes PARP1 suppression fostering ROS resistance and cancer progression.

Introduction

Aneuploidy, a hallmark of cancer[1], correlates with tumor progression, poor survival, and therapeutic resistance[2–4]. The role of aneuploidy in cancer, however, remains incompletely understood. One prevailing model proposes that aneuploidy promotes tumor-associated phenotypes by altering the dosage of oncogenes and tumor suppressors located on aneuploid chromosomes (**chromosome-specific effects**)[5,6]. The role of the aneuploid state itself (**general effects**) in promoting tumorigenesis, independent of specific chromosomal changes, is more controversial. Aneuploid cells show fitness disadvantages likely due to defects in DNA replication and proteostasis[7,8], yet resist certain chemotherapies through increased genomic instability and karyotype heterogeneity or through other mechanisms[9,10]. Whether certain general effects of aneuploidy can promote other cancer-associated phenotypes remains unclear[11–13]. A better understanding of how aneuploidy impacts tumor formation and progression could contribute to the development of effective therapies and response biomarkers.

ROS are a double-edged sword in cancer. At low levels, ROS contribute to tumorigenesis and cancer development by promoting mutations, genomic instability, cell proliferation, survival, angiogenesis, and metastasis. Conversely, excessive ROS during tumor progression or anti-cancer therapy can damage DNA, proteins, and lipids, triggering cell death[14,15]. It has been recently shown

that oxidative stress in circulating cancer cells inhibits metastasis formation[16–18]. Therefore, cancer

cells tend to enhance their ROS buffering capacity to reduce cell damage, or decrease their

sensitivity to ROS-induced cell death, particularly during advanced tumor progression[16].

Interestingly, aneuploidy levels increase with tumor progression and metastasis[2,19]. However,

whether a functional relationship between aneuploidy and ROS sensitivity exists and its

implications for cancer progression has not been investigated.

Oxidative stress primarily induces DNA single-strand breaks (SSBs), resulting from oxidized

phosphate-deoxyribose backbone fragmentation or base excision repair (BER) of oxidized bases[20].

PARP1 rapidly senses SSBs, transfers ADP-ribosyl moieties from nicotinamide-adenine-

dinucleotide (NAD+) to various proteins, and facilitates the accumulation and stabilization of repair

components at SSB sites[21]. Beyond DNA repair and genome integrity maintenance, PARP1

mediates a ROS-induced cell death mechanism termed parthanatos[22]. In this process, excessive

oxidative DNA damage hyperactivates PARP1, depleting the cell of the essential NAD+ and

adenosine triphosphate (ATP)[23] and triggering nuclear translocation of mitochondrial apoptosis-

inducing factor (AIF)[24], ultimately leading to cell death. Parthanatos is critical in pathophysiological

processes involving cellular stress and excessive DNA damage[22,25], such as ischemia−when a part

of the body does not receive enough blood. During cerebral ischemia PARP1-mediated parthanatos

causes neuronal cell death, which PARP1 inhibition can mitigate[26]. However, the role of parthanatos

in cancer is much less well understood[27].

By studying parthanatos in the context of cancer, we observed PARP1 suppression in

aneuploid cells, which enhances resistance to ROS-induced cell death while delaying DNA damage

repair. This creates a 'perfect storm' benefiting cancer cells where death resistance is coupled with

compromised DNA repair. Consistently, PARP1 modulation affects metastatic potential in both

diploid and aneuploid cancer cells, aligning with the established role of ROS resistance in

metastatic spread. Finally, a genome-wide CRISPR screen identified lysosomal gene inhibition as a

mechanism suppressing PARP1 levels. We found that lysosomal dysfunction, a common feature

of aneuploidy[28,29], activates transcription factor CEBPB, consequently suppressing PARP1

expression and rendering aneuploid cells survival advantages under oxidative stress.

Results

Identifying cellular stress resisted by aneuploid cells

To screen for possible benefits conferred by aneuploidy and relevant to cancer progression, we

developed isogenic models of aneuploidy. We utilized a model of **acute aneuploidy** recapitulating

short-term effects of aneuploidy, independent of specific chromosome alterations (**Fig. 1A**). In this

model, immortalized human colon epithelial cells (hCECs) with wild-type TP53 (TP53WT) or TP53

knockout (TP53KO) were treated with MPS1 inhibitors (reversine or AZ3146; MPS1i) for 24-30

hours to induce non-specific chromosome missegregation[28], followed by a 3-day release.

Aneuploidy was confirmed by altered DNA content compared to DMSO-treated controls (**Fig. 1B**).
Karyotypes inferred from single-cell RNA sequencing (see **Methods**) demonstrated that all
chromosomes in MPS1i-treated TP53KO hCECs were gained or lost at similar rates without strong
chromosome-specific preferences (**Fig. S1A**). On average, each chromosome arm was gained or
lost in 25% of MPS1i-treated cells (±5% standard deviation (SD)) (**Fig. S1A**, **Table 1A**).
We next compared resistance to various cellular stresses between diploid and aneuploid
TP53WT hCECs (DMSO versus MPS1i) (**Fig. 1C**, **Fig. S1B**). GFP-labeled diploid and unlabeled
aneuploid hCECs were treated with drugs inducing various cellular stresses or disrupting specific
cancer-associated genes. Treatments induced oxidative stress, proteostasis stress (by inhibiting
lysosomes, proteasomes, chaperones, or protein folding in the endoplasmic reticulum), energy
stress (by inhibiting mitochondria), DNA damage, and metabolic stress (by inhibiting glycolysis or
cystine-glutamate transport). Additionally, inhibitors of RAC1, CDKN1A, IKBKB, and MAPKs, were
included (**Fig. 1C, Fig. S1B, Table 1B**). Remarkably, compared to diploid ones, aneuploid cells were
much more resistant to oxidative stress caused by hydrogen peroxide (H_2O_2) in a concentration-
dependent manner (**Fig. 1C, Fig. S1B).** These findings indicate that aneuploid cells are more
resistant than diploid cells to oxidative stress, a major barrier to cancer metastatic progression[16–
18]. We further validated aneuploidy-associated resistance to oxidative stress using different
aneuploidy models and ROS inducers (see below).
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Aneuploidy confers oxidative stress resistance independent of TP53 status, altered chromosomes, or cell lineage

We next determined whether enhanced oxidative stress resistance in aneuploid cells depends on
TP53 status, cell lineage, or cell cycle stage. Regardless of TP53 status (wild type or knockout),
MPS1i-induced aneuploid hCECs displayed significantly higher viability after H_2O_2 treatment
compared to DMSO-treated diploid controls (~55% vs 0% relative viability, **Fig. 1D-E**). To assess
MPS1i off-target effects, hCECs were treated with MPS1i (or DMSO) under high confluency
conditions where cell division and aneuploidy formation were suppressed, but potential MPS1i off-
target effects unrelated to aneuploidy remained (**Fig. S1C**). These MPS1i-treated non-aneuploid
hCECs exhibited increased ROS-induced cell death compared to controls (30%-50% vs 14%) (**Fig.
S1C**). This observation, along with similar results from different MPS1i, suggests that ROS
resistance in MPS1i-treated cells depends on aneuploidy. Next, we subjected various cells to MPS1i
treatment, including non-cancerous human cells (retinal pigment epithelial cells (RPE1, TP53KO),
human pancreatic nestin-expressing cells (hPNE), and human mammary epithelial cells (hMEC)),
and cancer cells (human colon cancer cell line DLD1 and a murine lung cancer cell line (see below)).
We consistently observed enhanced resistance to oxidative stress in these aneuploid cells (**Fig.
S1D-E**), indicating cell type-independent ROS resistance. Furthermore, we explored the impact of
the cell cycle on oxidative stress resistance. Arresting hCECs at G1 phase (using palbociclib) or
early S phase (using thymidine) augmented ROS resistance in both diploid and aneuploid cells by

20%-40%. However, arrested aneuploid cells maintained significantly higher resistance, with about
30% greater relative viability compared to diploid cells (**Fig. S1F**).

To validate these findings, we next generated a **chronic aneuploidy** model representing
longer-term effects during adaptive stages of aneuploidy[30]. Using reversine-treated TP53KO
hCECs, we generated 55 single cell-derived isogenic hCEC clones with varying aneuploidy levels,
assessed by whole-genome sequencing (**Fig. 1A, 1F**, **Table 1C**, see **Methods**). Two representative
near-diploid and four aneuploid clones (≥ 5 gains or losses of chromosomes or chromosome arms)
were selected to compare their oxidative stress resistance (**Fig. 1F**, **Fig. S1G**). Like the acute
aneuploidy model, the aneuploid clones showed enhanced resistance, with 20-40% higher relative
viability when exposed to 50 µM H_2O_2 (**Fig. 1G**). This resistance was independent of both their
attachment status (**Fig. S1H**) and the attachment surfaces (**Fig. S1I**).

Then we examined aneuploid clones of HCT116 (a human colon cancer cell line) and RPE1
generated through microcell-mediated chromosome transfer (MMCT)[31]. All aneuploid clones,
whether carrying an additional copy of chromosome 5 or chromosome 7, exhibited increased
resistance to oxidative stress compared to their near-diploid counterparts, with 45-65% higher
relative viability (**Fig. 1H**).

Next, we induced aneuploidy in near-diploid mouse lung cancer cells derived from the KP
(Kras[G12D] and Trp53[-/-]) lung adenocarcinoma model[32,33]. We adapted KaryoCreate (Karyotype
CRISPR Engineered Aneuploidy Technology), our recently described CRISPR-based strategy to
induce aneuploidy in human cells[34], for mouse cells by designing a sgRNA targeting minor satellite
regions on mouse centromeres (sgMinSat5) (**Fig. 1I**). When combined with the dCas9-AuroraB
fusion protein, this sgRNA induced a significant level of aneuploidy compared to a control sgRNA
targeting the Rosa26 locus (sgRosa26) (average chromosome count is 48±7 for sgRosa26 and
74±8 for sgMinSat5, **Fig. S1J**). Importantly, when we tested their sensitivity to ROS, we found that
the aneuploid mouse KP cells showed significantly enhanced resistance to oxidative stress (60%
higher) compared to the near-diploid control (**Fig. 1I**). Notably, unlike typical aneuploidy models
where aneuploid cells grow slower, aneuploidy induction did not impair the proliferation of KP cells
in vitro (**Fig. 1I**). This feature further suggests that ROS resistance in aneuploid cells is not caused
by cell cycle alterations.

Finally, we compared two near-diploid human colon cancer cell lines (HCT116 and DLD1)
with four high-aneuploidy colon cancer cell lines (HT29, SW403, SW948, and SK-CO-1) (**Table 1D**).
Consistently, the high-aneuploidy lines were more resistant to oxidative stress compared to the
near-diploid lines (40-110% higher viability, **Fig. 1J**, **Fig. S1K**).

We further validated the increased resistance of aneuploid cells using lower H_2O_2
concentrations over extended periods, assessing both proliferation and soft-agar colony formation
(**Fig. S1L-M**). Furthermore, we confirmed aneuploidy-induced ROS resistance using alternative
ROS inducers, supplementing culture medium with xanthine oxidase and xanthine to produce both
O_2^- (superoxide) and H_2O_2[35] or with tert-Butyl Hydroperoxide (**Fig. S1N** and data not shown).

Collectively, our data across multiple aneuploidy models provide robust evidence that aneuploidy
renders cells resistant to oxidative stress, regardless of TP53 status, cell cycle, altered
chromosomes, or cell lineage.

Aneuploidy-induced ROS resistance is not due to enhancement of cellular antioxidant defenses
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The aneuploidy-induced oxidative stress resistance could result from heightened antioxidant
defenses. The nuclear factor erythroid 2 p45-related factor 2 (NRF2) is the first-tier defense
activated under oxidative stress[16]. Upon activation, cytosolic NRF2 is protected from degradation
and translocates to the nucleus to initiate antioxidant gene transcription[36]. We examined NRF2
activation in cells with acute and chronic aneuploidy compared to diploid controls. No significant
increase in NRF2 nuclear translocation (**Fig. S2A**) was observed in hCECs with acute aneuploidy
compared to diploid controls, except for a slight increase in AZ3146-treated TP53KO hCECs,
possibly due to aneuploidy-independent effects. The aneuploid hCEC clones even displayed slightly
reduced NRF2 nuclear translocation compared to the near-diploid clones. Consistently, NRF2
knockout did not abolish the survival advantage of aneuploid hCECs relative to diploid controls
under oxidative stress (**Fig. S2B**). Further investigation of key antioxidant genes, GPX1 and CAT,
which are crucial for direct cellular H_2O_2 elimination, revealed that even after knockdown of these
genes aneuploid cells remained more resistant to ROS than diploid ones (84.8% vs 12.7% average
viability) (**Fig. S2C**). Collectively, these findings suggest that the increased oxidative stress
resistance in aneuploid cells is not mediated by enhancement of cellular antioxidant defenses via
NRF2 or its downstream antioxidant gene GPX1 and CAT.

We then compared ROS-induced cellular damage (DNA damage and lipid peroxidation)
between diploid and aneuploid hCECs, using both acute and chronic aneuploidy models (**Fig. 2A**,
Fig. S2D-E). The alkaline comet assay was used to assess DNA double-strand and single-strand
breaks, revealing that H_2O_2 exposure induced a comparable level of DNA damage in diploid and
aneuploid hCECs, with 50%-65% of DNA in the comet tail due to oxidative damage **(Fig. 2A, Fig.
S2D**). This result was corroborated by the similar levels of phosphorylated histone H2AX (Ser132),
a DNA damage marker, between diploid and aneuploid cells after H_2O_2 exposure (see **Fig. 3M**, **Fig.
S3H-K**). We also examined H_2O_2-induced lipid peroxidation using the fluorescent indicator C11-
BODIPY 581/591. H_2O_2 exposure resulted in similar lipid peroxidation levels in diploid and aneuploid
hCECs, with a 60%-70% decrease in the emission fluorescence ratio (**Fig. S2E**). These findings
indicate that the resistance to oxidative stress of aneuploid cells is not due to enhanced antioxidant
defenses, as no reduction in oxidative DNA or lipid damage was observed in aneuploid cells
compared to diploid cells following H_2O_2 exposure.

PARP1, a key mediator of ROS-induced cell death, is suppressed in aneuploid cells

We investigated whether aneuploid cells better resist ROS-induced cell death despite comparable
levels of cellular damage. To determine the specific cell death pathway activated by oxidative
stress, we pretreated hCECs with inhibitors of apoptosis (Z-VAD-FMK), necrosis (necrostatin-7),
ferroptosis (ferrostatin-1), and PARP1-mediated parthanatos (olaparib). Strikingly, only olaparib
significantly rescued H_2O_2-induced cell death (H_2O_2 reduced the proliferation of olaparib-treated
hCECs by 40-50% without inducing cell death, **Fig. 2B-C**). This indicates that elevated oxidative
stress triggers parthanatos in our cell model, which was further confirmed using a different cell
type, hMEC (**Fig. S2F**)

PARP1, the molecular target of olaparib, is crucial in parthanatos: it senses DNA damage
caused by ROS or other stimuli and subsequently initiates parthanatos by exhausting NAD+ and
ATP or by triggering AIF nuclear translocation[23,24]. We observed a consistent ~40-50% decrease in
PARP1 RNA levels in acutely aneuploid cells compared to diploid controls across multiple cell lines
(**Fig. 2D**, **Table 2A-B),** suggesting that PARP1 downregulation in aneuploid cells is independent of
their transformation state, TP53 status, or cell lineage. Protein-level PARP1 downregulation in
acutely aneuploid cells was confirmed, showing a ~50-60% decrease across various cells (**Fig. 2E**),
aligning with reports on reversine-treated RPE1 cells[28], glioma cells[37], and mouse embryos[38], while
none of these studies focused on PARP1 or parthanatos. Furthermore, we probed for PARP1
activity and we observed reduced poly(ADP-ribose) (pADPr) synthesis in MPS1i-treated aneuploid
cells after H_2O_2 exposure (**Fig. S2G**). Importantly, the PARP1 protein decline cannot be attributed
to caspase-mediated cleavage [39], as it persisted with a pan-caspase inhibitor (**Fig. S2H**), consistent
with prior observations in reversine-treated RPE1 cells[28]. Notably, it is important to highlight that
PARP1 is haploinsufficient[40] and as demonstrated below (Fig. 3H), even a modest change in gene
dosage can profoundly impact cell state and function.

In the isogenic hCEC clones, we also observed a negative correlation between aneuploidy
degree (aneuploidy score, AS) and PARP1 expression at both RNA and protein levels (RNA:
Spearman R = -0.58, p = 0.01; protein: Spearman R = -0.49, p = 0.05; **Fig. 2F-H**, **Table 2C-D**). Other
aneuploidy models also supported our findings. Aneuploid clones of HCT116 and RPE1 cells
generated by MMCT to carry additional copies of chromosome 3, 5, 12, or 21 exhibited reduced
PARP1 expression (**Fig. 2I**, **Fig. S2I-J**), suggesting PARP1 downregulation is independent of
specific altered chromosomes. Aneuploid mouse KP lung cancer cells, generated by KaryoCreate
and resistant to ROS-induced cell death (**Fig. 1I**), also showed decreased PARP1 expression (**Fig.
S2K**). Notably, we also observed a substantial decrease in PARP1 levels in the high-aneuploidy
colon cancer cell lines compared to the near-diploid ones (see **Fig. 4A**). Taken together, these
results suggest that PARP1 downregulation is a common feature in aneuploid cells, regardless of
TP53 status, altered chromosomes, cell lineage, or cancerous state.

PARP1 suppression reduces aneuploid cell sensitivity to PARP1-mediated cell death induced by ROS, alkylating agents, or UV radiation

While PARP1 is considered a pro-survival gene that senses DNA damage and promotes DNA repair[21], its hyperactivation can trigger parthanatos, the most common form of regulated necrosis induced by DNA damage[25,41]. This process is relevant in pathophysiological contexts such as ischemia-related tissue damage [42], and potentially in cancer progression and treatment, which often involve exposure to elevated levels of ROS, alkylating agents, or UV radiation. Given our findings of PARP1 downregulation in aneuploid cells (**Fig. 2**), we hypothesized that this reduction contributes to aneuploid cell resistance to ROS-induced (or more generally, PARP1-mediated) cell death. To test this hypothesis, we modulated PARP1 expression through knockdown/knockout or overexpression and assessed corresponding changes in cell sensitivity to H_2O_2, a proven activator of PARP1-mediated cell death (**Fig. 2B-C**, **Fig. S2F**).

shRNA-mediated PARP1 knockdown conferred H_2O_2 resistance to near-diploid hCEC clones, increasing their viability by 20-40% compared to a non-targeting shRNA (**Fig. 3A-B**). CRISPR-mediated PARP1 knockout validated this protective effect (**Fig. S3E-F**). Conversely, PARP1 overexpression decreased H_2O_2 resistance in both acutely and chronically aneuploid hCECs, reducing relative viability by 15-40% compared to empty vector controls (**Fig. 3C-F**). Notably, the resistance induced by the shRNA targeting PARP1 3'-UTR was reversed by overexpressing shRNA-resistant PARP1 cDNA (**Fig. 3G**). PARP1 overexpression in the highly-aneuploid colon cancer cell line (HT29) also reduced H_2O_2 resistance (see **Fig. 4D-E**, **Fig. S4A**), while PARP1 knockdown in the near-diploid colon cancer cell lines (HCT116 and DLD1) enhanced resistance (see **Fig. 4F-G**, **Fig. S4B**), consistent with observations in non-cancerous hCECs. To test whether subtle changes in PARP1 expression levels could affect H_2O_2 resistance, we constructed hCECs with a Tet-On system for doxycycline-inducible PARP1 expression. Notably, we found that a 20% increase in PARP1 expression sufficiently reduced H_2O_2 resistance, decreasing relative viability by ~20% (**Fig. 3H**).

Although PARP1 overexpression significantly reduced H_2O_2 resistance in aneuploid hCECs, it did not completely eliminate their higher resistance compared to diploid ones, particularly at low H_2O_2 concentrations (**Fig. S3A**), indicating additional factors contribute to aneuploidy-associated oxidative stress resistance. Therefore, we next turned to PARP1-associated factors that have been shown to promote its function. One of the most prominent is Timeless Circadian Regulator (TIMELESS), which physically interacts with PARP1 and promotes its recruitment to DNA damage foci and subsequent activation[43]. We found TIMELESS expression was consistently decreased at RNA levels in acutely aneuploid cells compared to diploid controls (**Fig. S3B**) and inversely correlated with aneuploidy degree at RNA and protein levels in the chronic aneuploidy model (**Fig. S3C**). We found that in the highly-resistant aneuploid clone A29, PARP1 overexpression only reduced H_2O_2 resistance at the lethal concentration triggering parthanatos (**Fig. 3F**, **Fig. 3I**), but not at the non-lethal concentration that only decreased cell proliferation (**Fig. S3A**, **Fig. S3D**). At both the lethal and the low non-lethal H_2O_2 concentration, co-overexpression of PARP1 and TIMELESS

in A29 reduced H_2O_2 resistance more than overexpression of either gene alone (**Fig. 3I**, **Fig S3D**),
suggesting TIMELESS downregulation may suppress PARP1 hyperactivation under oxidative
stress in aneuploid cells.

We next investigated the role of other parthanatos-relevant genes in aneuploid cell
resistance to ROS-induced cell death. While PARP1 catalyzes 85-95% of total cellular pADPr in
response to DNA damage, PARP2, though less abundant, has a similar function and is also targeted
by olaparib[44]. However, PARP2 knockout did not protect hCECs from H_2O_2 (P = 0.22; **Fig. S3E**),
excluding its involvement in aneuploidy resistance to parthanatos. Macrophage migration
inhibitory factor (MIF), a late-stage parthanatos nuclease, cleaves genomic DNA[45]. MIF knockout
partially protected hCECs from H_2O_2, but less effectively than PARP1 knockout (relative viability
increased by 20%-38% for PARP1 knockout vs 7%-14% for MIF knockout, **Fig. S3F**).

Furthermore, we investigated whether mitigating NAD+ depletion, a typical consequence of
PARP1 hyperactivation[22,46], inhibits cell death after H_2O_2 treatment. Supplementation with
nicotinamide mononucleotide (NMN, a NAD+ precursor) increased the viability of H_2O_2-treated
hCEC clones by 20% to 40% (**Fig. 3J**). Finally, we applied agents different than H_2O_2-induced ROS
to induce DNA damage and PARP1 activation: N-methyl-N'-nitro-N-nitrosoguanidine (MNNG), a
common alkylating agent, and UV radiation, both known to trigger PARP1-mediated cell death[41].
Remarkably, aneuploid hCEC clones were more resistant to these stimuli than the near-diploid
clones in a PARP1-dependent manner (**Fig. 3K-L**). Collectively, these results suggest that PARP1
downregulation confers resistance to PARP1-mediated cell death in aneuploid cells, whether
induced by ROS, alkylating agents, or UV radiation.

PARP1-mediated DNA damage repair is impaired in aneuploid cells
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Beyond cell death, we investigated the impact of PARP1 downregulation on DNA damage repair in
aneuploid cells, given the crucial role of PARP1 in this process[21]. We transiently exposed isogenic
near-diploid and aneuploid hCEC clones to various genotoxic insults and collected cells before
stimulation (control) and at different time points after stimulation (RX: Release X hours after
stimulation), without observed cell death before collection. DNA damage was assessed by
immunofluorescence, measuring Ser-139 phosphorylation of the histone variant H2AX (γH2AX), a
molecular marker of DNA damage response induced shortly after DNA damage and decreases
during DNA repair[47] (**Fig. S3G**). Seven genotoxic agents with different DNA damaging mechanisms
were tested: H_2O_2 (oxidative damage), MNNG (base alkylation), camptothecin (topoisomerase I
inhibition), etoposide (topoisomerase II inhibition), pyridostatin (C-quadruplex stabilization),
doxorubicin (DNA intercalation), and bleomycin (DNA synthesis inhibition). We found that repair of
H_2O_2- and MNNG-induced DNA damage was significantly slower in aneuploid clones compared to
diploid cells given both the statistical significance and effect size (see **Methods**), while repair of
DNA damage from other genotoxic agents was not aneuploidy-dependent (**Fig. S3H-I**). After six

hours of recovery from H_2O_2 treatment, median γH2AX intensity decreased by approximately 40%
in the near-diploid clones but only by 15% (A29) or increased by 20% (A20) in the aneuploid clones
(**Fig. S3H-I**). Similarly, MNNG-induced DNA damage repair was less efficient in aneuploid clones,
with median γH2AX intensity increasing by 54%-103% compared to -16% to 19% in the near-diploid
clones after six hours of recovery (**Fig. S3H-I**). This observation may relate to the heavy reliance on
PARP1 for repairing H_2O_2- and MNNG-induced DNA damage, while other agents involve multiple,
less PARP1-dependent repair pathways [47] (see **Discussion**). The suppressive effect of PARP1
downregulation on oxidative DNA damage repair was further validated by analyzing PARP1-
overexpressing cells. PARP1 overexpression promoted oxidative DNA damage repair in both acute
and chronic aneuploidy models (**Fig. 3M, Fig. S3J**, **Table 3**). Importantly, we excluded the
possibility that γH2AX dynamics result from altered H2AX protein levels, as γH2AX changes were
independent of total H2AX level fluctuations (**Fig. S3K**). Additionally, γH2AX decrease in the near-
diploid clones 6 hours after H_2O_2 exposure is likely unrelated to programmed cell death, as previous
studies showed PARP1-mediated cell death (parthanatos) does not cause collateral γH2AX
decrease[48]. Taken together, our data indicate that aneuploid cells, besides surviving H_2O_2 or MNNG-
induced cell death, may be more prone to accumulating DNA damage due to suppressed PARP1-
mediated DNA repair. The combination of death resistance and DNA damage accumulation may
collectively promote tumorigenesis and cancer evolution (see **Discussion**).
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358   **PARP1 downregulation promotes tumor progression of aneuploid cancer cells**
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Given our observation of decreased PARP1 expression across different aneuploidy models (**Fig. 2**),
we asked whether the same was true in human cancer cell lines and in primary tumors with varying
aneuploidy levels. Western blot analysis of four high-aneuploidy (HT29, SW948, SK-CO-1, SW403)
and two near-diploid (HCT116, DLD1) colon cancer cell lines revealed reduced PARP1 expression
in high-aneuploidy lines (**Fig. 4A**, **Table 1D**). Analysis of pan-cancer cell lines in the CCLE dataset,
evenly grouped into three aneuploidy levels, revealed significant aneuploidy-dependent declines in
PARP1 expression at both RNA and protein levels (RNA mean log2FC = -0.3, protein mean log2FC
= -0.25, high vs low aneuploidy, p<0.0001, p=0.0013; **Fig. 4B**). This trend extended to colorectal
cancer cell lines from the CCLE dataset, which showed decreased PARP1 expression with
increasing aneuploidy (RNA median log2FC = -0.27, protein median log2FC = -0.45, high vs low
aneuploidy, p = 0.05, 0.04; **Fig. 4C**). Consistent with our findings that PARP1 expression inversely
correlates with cell resistance to ROS-induced death (**Fig. 3**), PARP1 overexpression attenuated
ROS resistance in high-aneuploidy colon cancer cells (**Fig. 4D-E**, **Fig. S4A**), while PARP1
knockdown enhanced ROS resistance in near-diploid colon cancer cells (**Fig. 4F-G**, **Fig. S4B**). These
results further support our model, indicating that PARP1 expression levels also critically determine
cancer cell sensitivity to ROS-induced cell death (**Fig. 3**).
Since metastasis requires cancer cells to withstand high oxidative stress during migration
and colonization[16–18,49], we investigated whether PARP1 levels influence dissemination potential of

diploid and aneuploid cancer cells. To this end, cancer cells expressing luciferase were
intravenously injected into mice, and signal intensity and distribution were monitored via
bioluminescence imaging. We found PARP1 suppression enhanced dissemination potential of
near-diploid human colon cancer cells in immunodeficient mice (**Fig. 4H-I**). DLD1 and HCT116 cells
transduced with PARP1 shRNA exhibited significantly increased bioluminescence signals after four
or six weeks post-injection compared to controls with non-targeting shRNA, respectively (n=5 mice
for each group; p = 0.007 for DLD1 at week 4, p = 0.03 for HCT116 at week 6; **Fig. 4H-I**). Importantly,
PARP1 knockdown did not affect cell proliferation *in vitro* (**Fig. S4C**). Furthermore, we assessed the
impact of PARP1 levels on murine aneuploid cancer cells in immune-intact mice. We intravenously
injected aneuploid mouse KP lung cancer cells (transduced with sgMinSat5; **Fig. 1I**) into B6 Albino
mice. Consistently, mouse PARP1 overexpression decreased their tumor dissemination (luciferase
expressing cells intravenously injected) without affecting in vitro proliferation, with 40% of mice
developing tumors in the PARP1 OE group compared to 80% in empty vector controls (**Fig. 4J**, **Fig.**
S4D). These data indicate that PARP1 downregulation may promote metastasis of aneuploid
cancer cells in both immune-deficient and immune-intact mice.
We next examined PARP1 levels in human primary tumors to determine whether it changes
with tumor stage and patient survival. In line with our *in vivo* findings, among The Cancer Genome
Atlas (TCGA) colorectal adenocarcinoma (COREAD) patients, PARP1 expression was lower in
tumors with high aneuploidy compared to those with low aneuploidy (**Fig. 4K**, **Table 4**), and lower
PARP1 expression was associated with shorter survival (**Fig. 4L**, **Table 4**). This aligns with previous
research showing that late-stage COREAD tumors, typically characterized by higher aneuploidy
degrees[50], exhibit lower PARP1 expression and activity compared to early-stage tumors[51].
Furthermore, we compared PARP1 levels in primary and metastatic COREAD samples. In 15 paired
tumors[52], 73.3% of metastases showed decreased PARP1 expression compared to their primary
tumors (p < 0.01; **Fig. 4M**). Analysis of another dataset containing unpaired tumors revealed
consistent decreased PARP1 levels in metastasis compared to primary tumors in both discovery
(333 primary tumors, 184 metastases) and validation (545 primary tumors, 72 metastases)
cohorts[52] (**Fig. 4N**, **Fig. S4E**). Altogether, these findings from our *in vivo* experimental models and
our analyses of human tumor samples support a role for PARP1 downregulation in promoting
metastasis.
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410 **Identifying regulators of PARP1 expression through genome-wide CRISPR screen**
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Next, we investigated the mechanisms of PARP1 regulation and specifically its downregulation in
aneuploid cells. We conducted fluorescence-activated cell sorting (FACS)-based genome-wide
CRISPR screens to identify genes modulating PARP1 expression, using the endogenous PARP1
levels as the readout (**Fig. 5A** and **Fig. S5A**). For each screen, 60 million hCEC were infected with a
lentiviral sgRNA library targeting 19,026 protein-coding human genes. After selection and

expansion, cells were fixed, immunostained for PARP1, and sorted based on its expression levels.
We validated the FACS-based PARP1 readout using cells with varied PARP1 expression levels (**Fig.**
5B).

SgRNAs were sequenced from PARP1-low, PARP1-high, and unsorted cells. We anticipated
sgRNAs against putative **PARP1 activators** to be enriched in PARP1-low cells compared to the
unsorted cells, while sgRNAs targeting putative **PARP1 suppressors** in PARP1-high cells. MAGeCK
algorithm calculated enrichment scores for each gene, revealing a negative correlation between
gene enrichment in PARP1-low and PARP1-high populations (p < 2e-16, rho = -0.22, **Fig. 5C**, **Table**
5A). This indicated exclusive enrichment of genes in populations with different PARP1 levels.
Importantly, sgRNAs targeting PARP1 were enriched in the PARP1-low population and depleted
from the PARP1-high population (MAGeCK beta values = 0.48 and -1.55, p-value = 0.003 and 0 for
PARP1-low and PARP1-high populations, respectively; **Fig. 5C-D**), confirming the screen's success.

The screen identified 269 PARP1 activators and 155 suppressors (FDR < 0.1, MAGeCK beta
value > 0.5, **Table 5B**). QIAGEN Ingenuity Pathway Analysis (IPA) revealed PARP1 activators were
enriched in pathways related to phagosome maturation (p-value = 1.7e-17), tRNA charging (p-value
= 3.7e-14) among others. PARP1 suppressors were predominantly associated with RNA
polymerase I complex assembly (p-value = 1.2e-6) (**Fig. 5E**, **Fig. S5B**, **Table 5C-D**).

To identify genes and pathways that may mediate PARP1 downregulation in aneuploid
cells, we then examined how the expression of these PARP1 activators and suppressors changes
in aneuploid compared to diploid ones (**Fig. S5C**). Aneuploidy-associated PARP1 regulators were
identified by finding PARP1 activators that are downregulated in aneuploid cells and PARP1
suppressors that are upregulated in aneuploid cells (**Fig. S5D, Table 5E**). Phagosome maturation
pathway (p-value = 6.4e-03), consisting of many lysosome genes, enriched in these aneuploidy-
associated PARP1 regulators (**Fig. S5E**, **Table 5F**), suggesting that lysosomal dysregulation in
aneuploid cells may cause PARP1 downregulation.

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444 **Lysosomal stress is a potential mediator of PARP1 downregulation in aneuploid cells**
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Lysosomal stress is characteristic of aneuploidy[28], with aneuploid cells showing transcriptional
profiles similar to those treated with the lysosomal V-ATPase inhibitor bafilomycin A1 (Baf A1)[29].
Our screen showed that knockout of lysosomal genes resulted in PARP1 downregulation
(phagosome maturation pathway in **Fig. 5E** and **Fig. S5E**, individual lysosomal V-ATPase genes in
Fig. S5F). Thus, we hypothesized that aneuploidy-associated lysosomal stress induces PARP1
downregulation and tested this hypothesis. First, principal component analysis (PCA) of RNASeq
data from 8 near-diploid and 11 aneuploid (≥ 5 gains or losses of chromosomes or chromosome
arms) hCEC clones revealed that lysosomal, but not proteasomal, genes differentiated near-diploid
from aneuploid cells (p-value < 0.0001 and = 0.173, respectively, **Fig. 5F**), indicating a distinct
lysosomal gene expression profile in aneuploid cells. Second, expression changes of these

lysosomal genes and the whole transcriptome in aneuploid cells correlated with those in cells
treated with the lysosome inhibitor Baf A1 (Spearman p-value < 0.05, **Fig. 5G-H**, **Fig. S5G**,
suggesting that aneuploid cells experience Baf A1-like lysosomal stress. Third, analysis of four
published datasets[28,53–55] revealed that lysosome inhibitor Baf A1 treatment reduced PARP1
expression in various cell lines (Log2FC: -0.350 to -1.112, **Fig. 5I**); this reduction in PARP1 after Baf
A1 treatment was further validated by western blot analysis in our hCECs (**Fig. S5H**). Conversely,
proteasome inhibition[28,56–58] did not affect PARP1 expression (p-value > 0.05, **Fig. S5I**), highlighting
the specificity of lysosome inhibition on PARP1 downregulation. Finally, we examined whether
lysosome inhibition enhances ROS resistance. Baf A1 treatment protected hCECs (both TP53WT
and TP53KO) from H_2O_2-induced cell death (91-107% increase in relative viability, **Fig. 5J**). This
lysosome dysfunction-induced resistance to oxidative stress was completely eliminated by PARP1
overexpression (p-value < 0.0001, **Fig. 5K**). These results suggest that lysosomal stress promotes
PARP1 downregulation and corresponding oxidative stress resistance in aneuploid cells.

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471 **CEBPB is an aneuploidy-induced transcription factor that suppresses PARP1 suppression**
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Decreased PARP1 RNA in aneuploid cells and cells with lysosomal dysfunction (**Fig. 2D**, **2F**, **5H**)
suggested that these conditions may alter PARP1 transcription. Thus, we set out to identify
transcription Factors (TFs) that may be responsible for PARP1 transcriptional dysregulation in
these settings (aneuploid and lysosome-dysfunction). To this aim, we integrated our PARP1
CRISPR screen results (**Fig. 5C**) with TF databases[59–61] to identify PARP1-influencing TFs (**Fig. 6A**).
Additionally, we examined expression changes of these TFs in aneuploid and lysosome-
dysfunction cells, looking for downregulation of TFs promoting PARP1 expression and upregulation
of those suppressing PARP1 expression (**Fig. 6A**). These analyses identified CEBPB as a potential
suppressive TF of PARP1, with consistently increased expression in various aneuploid and
lysosome-dysfunction cell models (p<0.05, **Fig. 6B-F**). CEBPB ChIP-Seq[62] confirmed its binding
near the PARP1 transcription start site upon activation by dexamethasone (CEBPB activator)
(reproducible peaks identified by the Irreproducibility Discovery Rate algorithm, **Fig. 6B**).
Strikingly, IF analysis of hCEC cells showed a significant **increase in nuclear CEBPB signal**
in aneuploid cells compared to near-diploid cells. This increase was observed in both the chronic
aneuploidy model (30-35% higher mean CEBPB intensity in A20 and A29 than D23 and D29,
p<0.001) and acute aneuploidy models (50% higher mean CEBPB intensity in Reversine-treated
versus DMSO-treated cells, p<0.001) (**Fig. 6D**). CEBPB upregulation was consistently confirmed in
our transcriptomic and proteomic dataset in both acute aneuploidy models (p < 0.01 for RNA, p <
0.05 or p = 0.07 for protein; **Fig. 6C**) and chronic aneuploid clones (R^2 = 0.14 for RNA, p = 0.03; R^2 =
0.21 for protein, p = 0.05; **Fig. 6E**). Lysosome-dysfunction cells induced by Baf A1 treatment also
exhibited increased CEBPB levels across multiple cell lines (p < 0.05 for HCT116, HEK293T, and
HeLa; **Fig. 6F**), suggesting CEBPB activation in response to aneuploidy and lysosomal dysfunction.

CEBPB activation was supported by transcription factor enrichment analysis using ChEA3
(ENCODE dataset)[63], showing significant overlap with CEBPB target genes among highly
upregulated genes (log2FC > 1 & FDR < 0.01) in reversine-treated hCECs (24/257 upregulated
genes, ranked 3rd among all TFs, FDR=6.38E-5) and Baf A1-treated RPE1 (14/79 upregulated
genes, FDR=0.0185).

Our PARP1 CRISPR screen revealed enrichment of CEBPB-targeting sgRNAs in the PARP1-
high population and depletion in the PARP1-low population (p = 0.06 for sgCEBPB-1; p < 0.05 for
sgCEBPB-2, 3, 4; **Fig. 6G**), suggesting CEBPB's suppressive role in PARP1 expression. This was
further corroborated by decreased PARP1 protein upon CEBPB overexpression in various cells (p <
0.01, **Fig. 6H**), and reduced PARP1 RNA in TCGA COREAD tumors with CEBPB copy number gain
or amplification (p < 0.01, **Fig. S6A**). CRISPR activation (CRISPRa) Perturb-seq was performed to
evaluate the impact of transcription factor activation from the endogenous locus in RPE1 epithelial
cells and Hs27 fibroblasts[64]. Cells with CEBPB activation via CEBPB-targeting sgRNAs exhibited
higher CEBPB levels and lower PARP1 levels compared to control cells with non-targeting sgRNAs
(sgNC) (**Fig. 6I**). Taken together, these results suggest CEBPB activation suppresses PARP1
expression.

Furthermore, UMAP visualization of scRNAseq data obtained from primary colorectal
cancer cells further confirmed the inverse relationship between CEBPB and PARP1, as well as their
association with aneuploidy status and lysosomal alterations. In fact, cells showing high CEBPB
expression also exhibited high aneuploidy scores, high lysosome scores, and low PARP1
expression and vice versa (**Fig. 6J, Fig. S6B**). These density plots reveal that aneuploid cells are
associated with lysosomal alteration and CEBPB activation and tend to exhibit low PARP1
expression, providing additional evidence for the relationship between aneuploidy, lysosomal
stress, CEBPB activation, and PARP1 downregulation in human colorectal cancer cells.
Consistently, we observed strong inverse correlations between CEBPB and PARP1 RNA levels
across pan-cancer cell lines (CCLE, Spearman R = -0.4310, p < 0.0001; **Fig. 6K**) and COREAD tumors
(TCGA, Spearman R = -0.3584, p < 0.0001; **Fig. S6C**). These findings, combined with the effects of
CEBPB knockout or overexpression on PARP1 expression (**Fig. 6G-6I**), strongly support CEBPB's
role as a suppressive TF of PARP1. Beyond downregulating PARP1 expression, CEBPB
overexpression also conferred resistance to oxidative stress-induced cell death (p < 0.0001, **Fig.**
6L), mirroring phenotypes observed in aneuploid, PARP1-downregulated, and lysosome-
dysfunction cells. In conclusion, our data establish CEBPB as a critical TF activated in aneuploid
and lysosome-deficient cells, suppressing PARP1 expression and contributing to oxidative stress
resistance.

530 Discussion

In this study, we discovered that aneuploid cells are exquisitely more resistant to ROS-induced cell
death than diploid cells (**Fig. 1, 2**). Mechanistically, PARP1 is suppressed across 15 aneuploidy
models (**Fig. 2**) and such suppression confers resistance against parthanatos, i.e. PARP1-mediated
cell death, which can be triggered by ROS, DNA alkylation, or UV radiation (**Fig. 3**). Concurrently, this
suppression compromises PARP1-mediated DNA damage repair in aneuploid cells (**Fig. 3**),
potentially contributing to tumorigenesis and cancer evolution. Accordingly, we found that PARP1
downregulation facilitates metastasis in near-diploid cancer cells, while its upregulation
suppresses metastasis in aneuploid cancers. Supporting the relevance of this mechanism for
human patients, we observed significantly lower PARP1 levels in metastatic versus primary tumor
samples (**Fig. 4**). These results suggest a novel pro-tumorigenic phenotype of aneuploidy in cancer
progression through PARP1 downregulation. Additionally, we performed a comprehensive screen
to identify regulators of PARP1 expression, revealing lysosomal stress and subsequent activation
of transcription factor CEBPB as possible mediators of PARP1 suppression in aneuploid cells (**Fig.**
5-6, **Fig. S6A-D**).

Relationship between aneuploidy and ROS across different species
Earlier studies in *Saccharomyces Cerevisiae* revealed that aneuploid yeasts show increased ROS
and hypersensitivity to H_2O_2[65], contrasting with our findings in human and mouse cells. Aneuploid
cell resistance to oxidative stress in our model is not mediated by increased ROS-buffering capacity
(**Fig. 2A, Fig. S2A-E**) but by reduced sensitivity to ROS-induced cell death due to PARP1
suppression (**Fig. 2-3**). Interestingly, *Saccharomyces Cerevisiae* lacks PARPs and PARP-like
proteins[66]. This likely explains the different phenotype observed in our model based on mammalian
cells compared to yeast.

Previous studies in *Drosophila* and mice demonstrated that chromosome instability (CIN),
induced by continuous disruption of the spindle assembly checkpoint, can increase intracellular
ROS levels, affecting ROS-buffering genes and cellular damage[67,68]. However, the ROS resistance
of aneuploid fly and mouse cells was not studied. Our human aneuploid cell analyses showed no
significant increase in ROS levels (data not shown), oxidative cellular damage (**Fig. 2A, Fig. S2D-**
E), or NRF2 activation (**Fig. S2A-C**). The discrepancy may reflect differences between aneuploidy
and CIN: previous studies used *Drosophila* and mouse cells with persistent CIN, while our chronic
aneuploidy model uses chromosomally stable clones with different aneuploidy levels, allowing us
to disentangle aneuploidy effects from CIN effects on ROS levels. Previous research in models of
Down Syndrome (DS, constitutive trisomy 21) suggest that the relationship between aneuploidy
and ROS levels may be cell type-dependent and did not examine ROS resistance in the aneuploid
cells[69,70]. Finally, it is important to note that the ROS-related superoxide dismutase 1 (SOD1) is
encoded by a gene located on chromosome 21, thus further complicating the interpretation of ROS-
related findings in DS in comparison with other aneuploidies.

PARP1 is suppressed in aneuploid cells via CEBPB transcription factor

Our results establish a robust association between aneuploidy and PARP1 downregulation across 15 cell models, regardless of TP53 status, altered chromosomes in the aneuploid cells, cell lineage, and aneuploidy induction methods (**Fig. 2**). In addition to our experimental models and published omics data from aneuploid cells, we confirmed these results by analyzing published western blot images from multiple aneuploidy models, including reversine-treated RPE1, glioma cells, and mouse embryo[28,37,38], and MMCT-generated HCT116 with an extra chromosome 3[71]. Notably, chromosome 3 gain reduced both PARP1 protein levels and activity in HCT116[71], suggesting aneuploidy's dual suppressive effect on PARP1. Furthermore, we observed decreased levels of TIMELESS, a key PARP1 interactor, in aneuploid cells (**Fig. S3B-C**). This decrease may impair PARP1's binding to DNA damage lesions and its activation, potentially explaining the reduced PARP1 activity in aneuploid cells. Intriguingly, a recent study suggested that PARP1 inhibition rescued survival and proliferation of aneuploid cells in developing mouse embryos[8].

Our data indicate that PARP1 suppression in aneuploid cells does not result from cell cycle dysregulation. Although limited studies suggested that PARP1 levels typically peak during S and G2/M phases and decrease during G1 arrest[72–75], our findings indicate that PARP1 downregulation in aneuploid cells is not linked to G1 prolongation or arrest. First, PARP1 downregulation occurs in both TP53WT and TP53KO aneuploid cells (**Fig. 2**), despite aneuploidy-induced G1 arrest being p53-dependent[76,77]. Second, aneuploid cells generated by MMCT and KaryoCreate show PARP1 downregulation (**Fig. 2I, Fig. S2I-K**), while maintaining cell cycle profiles[78] and proliferation rates similar to their diploid counterparts (**Fig. 1I**). Third, certain high-aneuploidy colon cancer cells exhibit lower PARP1 levels (**Fig. 4A**) despite similar or higher S phase proportions compared to low-aneuploidy cells[79,80]. Collectively, these findings indicate that PARP1 downregulation in aneuploid cells is not attributable to cell cycle changes.

Our unbiased CRISPR screen identified PARP1 expression regulators, providing a valuable resource for PARP1 research given the current limited knowledge on the regulation of PARP1 expression[74,81]. Integration with RNAseq data revealed that alterations in ribonucleotide reductase, microRNA biogenesis, and phagosome maturation (**Fig. S5E**) may contribute to PARP1 downregulation in aneuploid cells. Notably, the phagosome maturation pathway, which includes many lysosomal genes, particularly lysosomal V-ATPase genes (**Fig. S5F**), is noteworthy. Previous studies and our data (**Fig. 5F-H**) indicate that lysosomal stress is a common feature in aneuploid cells[28,29]. We demonstrated that lysosome inhibition induces PARP1 downregulation in multiple cell lines (**Fig. 5I**), conferring cell resistance to ROS-induced cell death in a PARP1-dependent manner (**Fig. 5J-K**). These results suggest lysosomal stress is a potential mediator of PARP1 downregulation in aneuploid cells.

Furthermore, we found that aneuploidization and lysosome dysfunction lead to a striking nuclear increase in CEBPB levels (**Fig. 6**). Genetic experiments on CEBPB support its critical role in

mediating PARP1 regulation and ROS resistance in aneuploid cells. In addition, scRNAseq of
primary colon cancer cells showed a strong inverse relationship between CEBPB and PARP1, and
a positive correlation between aneuploidy and CEBPB. Our findings provide new mechanistic
insights into PARP1 suppression under aneuploidy and lysosomal stress conditions. Previous
studies showed that aneuploidy induces proteotoxic stress, which in turn activates autophagy and
lysosomal pathways as compensatory mechanisms through transcription factor EB (TFEB)[28].
However, the excessive demands for protein degradation in aneuploid cells impair autophagic flux
and cause lysosome dysfunction. While current literature lacks a direct link between aneuploidy
and CEBPB, several lines of evidence support a potential connection. Studies have demonstrated
that autophagy deficiency in macrophages activates CEBPB[82]. Additionally, C/EBP family TFs are
crucial for autophagy activation during amino acid starvation[83]. Finally, lysosomal dysfunction may
activate CEBPB through the unfolded protein response (UPR). In fact, lysosome dysfunction can
trigger ER stress and UPR. In turn, UPR leads to the activation of several TFs, including CEBPB[84,85].
Therefore, we propose that lysosome dysfunction in aneuploid cells may lead to CEBPB activation
possibly through the UPR pathway, leading to PARP1 repression and resistance to parthanatos.
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PARP1 suppression impacts cell death, DNA repair and metastasis: the perfect storm
PARP1 downregulation emerges as the main mechanism underlying aneuploid cells' resistance to
ROS-induced cell death (**Fig. 2, 3**). This PARP1-mediated cell death, termed parthanatos, occurs
after toxic insults (e.g., ischemia-reperfusion, inflammatory, and ROS-induced injury) where cells
experience stresses and accumulate excessive oxidative DNA damage[22,86]. However, parthanatos
remains poorly understood in cancer[27]. Parthanatos relies on PARP1 hyperactivation caused by
profound DNA damage, leading to cell death through NAD+ and ATP[23] depletion or AIF nuclear
translocation[24]. Our results demonstrate that modulating PARP1 levels in diploid or aneuploid cells
directly affects their resistance to ROS-induced cell death (**Fig. 3**), strongly supporting PARP1
downregulation as the key factor in aneuploid cells' resistance. PARP1 activity may also be
suppressed in aneuploid cells[71], possibly related to TIMELESS downregulation (**Fig. 3I**, **Fig. S3B-
D**). The cytoprotective effect of PARP1 inhibition or downregulation has been observed in various
non-cancerous conditions, including neurological and neurodegenerative diseases, ischaemic
reperfusion, diabetes, colitis, arthritis, liver toxicity, uveitis, skeletal muscle differentiation, and aging
human skin[41,75,87–90]. Beyond ROS, other cancer-related DNA damaging insults, such as DNA
alkylation, UV radiation, ionizing radiation, may also trigger parthanatos[41], aligning with our
observation of aneuploid cells' increased resistance to alkylating agent MNNG and UV radiation
(**Fig. 3K-L**). These findings may explain previous observations of aneuploidy-induced resistance to
certain chemotherapy and radiation therapy[9,10,91–93].
In addition to conferring resistance to parthanatos, PARP1 downregulation impairs their
repair of both oxidative and alkylating DNA damage in aneuploid cells (**Fig. 3M**, **Fig. S3J-K**). The
temporal dynamics of γH2AX after H_2O_2 or MNNG exposure in diploid hCECs and PARP1-

overexpressing aneuploid hCECs, but not in aneuploid hCECs, indicates that efficient repair of
oxidative and alkylating DNA damage is impaired in aneuploid cells. Our findings align with earlier
research showing PARP1 depletion reduces SSB repair rates across various species[94]. Similarly,
PARP1 partial downregulation in senescent epithelial cells led to defective repair of oxidative DNA
damage, which could be rescued by PARP1 overexpression[75]. Notably, aneuploid cells did not
exhibit impaired repair of DNA damage induced by certain agents different than H_2O_2, MNNG or UV
(such as camptothecin, etoposide, pyridostatin, doxorubicin, or bleomycin). This selectivity may be
due to these agents inducing multiple DNA damage repair mechanisms, some independent of
PARP1. In fact, oxidative DNA damage is exclusively repaired by BER, which heavily relies on PARP1,
while other DNA repair pathways, such as classical non-homologous end-joining, remain
unaffected by PARP1 loss or inhibition[21,95,96]. Taken together, we propose that aneuploidy can
create a 'perfect storm' where resistance to cell death is coupled with decreased DNA repair under
oxidative stress via PARP1 downregulation, potentially promoting tumorigenesis and cancer
evolution. We also note that a recent study reported increased resistance of aneuploid cells to
etoposide and other DNA damage agents[10], due to RAF/ERK activation but this mechanism was
not at play in parthanatos resistance observed in our system.

It is seemingly counterintuitive that cells with impaired DNA damage repair can survive
better. While DNA damage typically triggers cell death through disrupted replication or
transcription[25], the close interplay between PARP1-mediated DNA repair and cell metabolism
(consumption of NAD+ and ATP)[46] creates a unique survival-death balance. Excessive single-
strand breaks overactivate PARP1, rapidly depleting NAD+ and ATP. This energetic catastrophe
can be more acutely lethal than the DNA damage itself, leading to parthanatos[25]. Consequently,
suppressing PARP1-mediated repair is pro-survival to preserve the energy homeostasis for cells
with high levels of single-strand breaks, which can be induced by ROS and alkylating agents.

Our findings support a pro-metastatic role of PARP1 downregulation (**Fig. 4**). Suppressing
PARP1 expression in low-aneuploidy COREAD cell lines effectively enhanced their ROS resistance
(**Fig. 4F-G**, **Fig. S4B**) and metastatic potential (**Fig. 4H-I**). Conversely, promoting PARP1 expression
in high-aneuploidy KP lung cancer cells decreased their metastatic potential (**Fig. 4J**). Furthermore,
PARP1 expression was found lower in metastatic tumors compared to primary tumors from
COREAD patients (**Fig. 4M-N**). This pro-metastatic effect of PARP1 downregulation likely stems
from enhanced ROS resistance, as oxidative stress is a known barrier to cancer metastasis[16–18].
Interestingly, conflicting results regarding PARP1 inhibition or knockdown on metastasis have been
described[97–99]. This discrepancy may reflect the heterogeneity in redox sensitivity among distinct
tumor types. Additionally, the "double-edged sword" effect of PARP1 activity may also induce
tissue-specific response. In tumor cells highly tolerant to PARP1-induced cell death (e.g., cells with
high NAD+), high PARP1 expression may be favored, enhancing DNA repair without inducing cell
death. Conversely, in cancer cells susceptible to PARP1-induced cell death, lower PARP1 levels may

prevent cell death, potentially compromising efficient DNA damage repair[16,27]. Further research into
cancer cell susceptibility to PARP1-mediated cell death will help clarify these discrepancies.
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Implication for cancer treatment
While our study focuses on HR-proficient tumors and does not investigate HR-deficient tumors, i.e.
the main target of successful PARP1 inhibition in the clinic[100], our findings may provide implications
for current and future clinical use of PARPi as monotherapy or in combination treatments. PARP1
downregulation has been shown to drive PARP1i resistance[101–103], suggesting that aneuploid
cancer cells may possess inherent PARP1i resistance due to PARP1 downregulation, which is
confirmed by analysis of PARPi sensitivity in CCLE cancer cell lines (**Fig. S6E**). Combination
treatments of PARP1i and DNA damage-inducing agents are also under clinical evaluation[104].
However, our results indicate that PARPi might actually inhibit the cytotoxic effect of DNA damage-
inducing agents if their efficacy relies on PARP1 hyperactivation and induction of parthanatos. This
is supported by a recent study showing that the frontline drug combination of cytarabine and
idarubicin induces parthanatos in acute myeloid leukemia cells, with reduced cytotoxicity in cancer
cells expressing low PARP1 levels[27]. Altogether, our studies, by shedding light on a previously
unappreciated effect of aneuploidy in promoting ROS resistance through PARP1 suppression, pave
the way to future studies aimed at better characterizing the implications for these results for cancer
therapies and resistance.
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Cell Culture
hTERT-immortalized hCECs[105] were cultured in a 4:1 mixture of DMEM/Medium 199,
supplemented with 2% fetal bovine serum (FBS), 5 ng/mL epidermal growth factor (EGF), 1 µg/mL
hydrocortisone, 10 µg/mL insulin, 2 µg/mL transferrin, and 5 nM sodium selenite. hTERT-
immortalized RPE1 cells were cultured in DMEM/F-12 supplemented with 10% FBS. hTERT-
immortalized hPNE were cultured in RPMI 1640 supplemented with 10% FBS. hTERT-immortalized
hMEC were cultured in Mammary Epithelial Cell Culture Kit (Lonza, CC-2551B). Colon cancer cells
(HCT116, DLD1, HT29, SK-CO-1, SW403, SW948), aneuploid clones of HCT116 and RPE1 cells
generated through MMCT (HCT116-5/3-C1, HCT116-5/3-C2, RPE1-7/3), and their near-diploid
clones (HCT116-2N, RPE1-2N), were cultured in DMEM supplemented with 10% FBS. HEK-293T
were cultured in DMEM supplemented with 10% bovine calf serum (BCS). All media for the above
human cells were supplemented with 100 U/mL penicillin-streptomycin and 2 mM L-glutamine.
Mouse KP cancer cells were isolated from tumor nodules of the lung of KP ($Kras^{G12D}Trp53^{-/-}$)
genetically engineered mouse models (GEMMs) from C57BL/6 as described previously [32,33], and

cultured in RPMI 1640 supplemented with 10% FBS, 1X antibiotic-antimycotic, and 1X GlutaMax.

All cells were cultured in a humidified environment at 37°C and 5% CO_2 and were tested free of

mycoplasma contamination.

Plasmid construction

TP53 was knocked out in hCECs by transfection with a Cas9-containing plasmid (Addgene #42230)

and pLentiGuide-Puro expressing the following sgRNA: 5'gcatgggcggcatgaaccgg3'. Clones were

derived and the effect on TP53 level was confirmed using western blot.

For the generation of aneuploid mouse KP cancer cells by KaryoCreate (see description below), KP

cells were lentivirally transduced with pINDUCER20-AuroraB-dCas9 and sgRosa26 or sgMinSat5.

To clone AuroraB-dCas9 fusion protein, dCas9 without ATG and without stop codon (for N-terminal

and C-terminal tagging respectively) were cloned into the pENTR vector using the D-TOPO cloning

kit (Thermo Scientific, K240020). AuroraB was PCR amplified from a template vector from the

ultimate   ORF   collection[106]   using   the   forward   primer

(5'tccgcggcccccttcacccatggcccagaaggagaactcc3')   and   the   reverse   primer

(5'gctgtacttcttgtcctcgagcgaccctccgccggaaccgccggcgacagattgaa3'), and fused to dCas9 into

pENTR-dCas9-noATG including the GGSGGGS linker. The fusion protein was then cloned into a

tetracycline response element (TRE)-included donor vector, pINDUCER20 (or pIND20, neomycin

resistance, doxycycline inducible promoter)[107].

The sgRosa26 (the target sequence: 5'aacggctccaccacgctcgg3') and sgMinSat5 (the target

sequence: 5'aaaacacattcgttggaaac3') were cloned into pLRCherry V2.1 as reported previously[34]. In

brief, to be suitable for cloning into BbsI-digested vectors, sense oligos were designed with a

CACCG 5' overhang and antisense oligos were designed with an AAAC 5' overhang and an 3' end

C. The sense and anti- sense oligos were annealed, phosphorylated, and ligated into BbsI-digested

pLentiGuide-Puro-FE.

For introduction of PARP1, GFP-NLS into cells, human PARP1 cDNA was PCR amplified from the

pBABE-puro-Halo-PARP1[108] plasmid using the forward primer (5'caccatggcggagtcttcggataagct3')

and the reverse primer (5'ttaccacagggaggtcttaaaattg3'). GFP-NLS cDNA was PCR amplified from

a template plasmid using the forward primer (5'ttacaccttgcgttttttcttgggcttgtacagctcgtccatg3') and

the reverse primer (5'ttaccacagggaggtcttaaaattg3'). After gel purification using the Nucleospin Gel

and PCR Clean-UP kit (Macherey-Nagel, 740609), the DNA fragment was inserted into the pENTR

vector using the D-TOPO cloning kit (Thermo Scientific, K240020), following the manufacturer's

instructions. Then the PARP1 or GFP-NLS sequence was integrated into the pHAGE-CMV-blast or

pHAGE-TRE-hygro donor vectors via the LR reaction using the Gateway cloning kit (Thermo

Scientific, 11791020), following the manufacturer's protocol. For the control plasmid, the same
vector was used with a short random sequence (5'GACATAGTACAG3') replacing the PARP1 or
GFP-NLS sequence.

For introduction of human TIMELESS or mouse PARP1 into cells, human TIMELESS cDNA was
PCR amplified from a DNA template (a gift from Dr. Jef Boeke) using the forward primer
(5'tacaaaaaagcaggctccgcggccgcccccttcaccatggacttgcacatgatgaa3') and the reverse primer
(5'gtacaagaaagctgggtcggcgcgcccacccttctagtcatcctcatcatcct3'). Mouse PARP1 cDNA was PCR
amplified from ZS-pEGFP-n-mPARP1 (a gift from Dr. Zha Shan Lab) using the forward primer
(5'tacaaaaaagcaggctccgcggccgcccccttcaccatggcggaggcctc3') and the reverse primer
(5'aagaaagctgggtcggcgcgcccacccttctaccacagggatgtcttaaaattgaacttg3'). The gel-purified DNA
fragment was assembled with AscI/NotI-linearized pENTR vector using Gibson Assembly. The
mouse PARP1 sequence was then recombined into the pHAGE-CMV-blast destination vector via
LR Clonase reaction.

For PARP1, GPX1, CAT knockdown, two shRNAs targeting each gene (shPARP1-1:
cttcgttagaatgtctgcctt, shPARP1-2: gcagcttcataaccgaagatt, shGPX1-1: gcaaggtactacttatcgaga,
shGPX1-2: gcatcaggagaacgccaagaa, shCAT-1: gccacatgaatggatatggat, shCAT-2:
cggagattcaacactgccaat) in MISSION® TRC1 lentiviral vector were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich
(TRCN0000007928 and TRCN0000007929). The MISSION® pLKO.1-puro non-mammalian shRNA
plasmid targeting no known mammalian genes was used as the control (Sigma-Aldrich, SHC002).

For PARP1, PARP2, and MIF knockout, sgRNA sequences (sgPARP1: 5'-
TAACGATGTCCACCAGGCCA-3', sgPARP2: 5'-CGGCGGCGACGGAGCACCGG-3', sgMIF: 5'-
GAGGAACCCGTCCGGCACGG-3') were cloned into the LentiCRISPR-V2-FE-puro vector (Addgene
#186746). The sgRNA sequences with flanking homology regions were synthesized as
oligonucleotides (IDT) and inserted into BsmBI-linearized LentiCRISPR-V2-FE-puro using Gibson
assembly. For NRF2 knockout, LentiCRISPR-V2-NRF2 were obtained from Addgene (186838,
186839).

Lentivirus production and infection

For transduction of cells, lentiviral particles were generated as follows: 15 million 293T cells per 10-
cm dish were plated 24 hours before transfection. The cells were transfected with a mixture of
gene transfer plasmid (6 μg) and packaging plasmids including 10 μg psPAX2 (addgene, 12260)
and 5 μg pMD2.G (VSV-G; addgene, 12259), using Lipofectamine 3000 (ThermoFisher, L3000075).
The medium was changed 6 hours later and virus was collected every 24 hours after transfection
(three times in total) by filtering the medium through a 0.45-μm filter. Polybrene (4 μg/mL, company,

cat number) was added to the filtered media before infection. The media containing lentivirus was

replaced with fresh media with appropriate antibiotic selection 24 hours after infection.

Aneuploidy models

MPS1i-induced acute aneuploidy

To study the short-term effects of aneuploidy, irrespective of specific chromosome gains or losses,

we utilized a model of **acute aneuploidy** in which near-diploid cells were treated with MPS1i

(reversine or AZ3146) to induce chromosome missegregation. TP53WT or TP53KO hCECs, RPE1,

DLD1, and mouse KP cancer cells were seeded at 30% confluency and treated with either 0.5 μM

reversine or 5 μM AZ3146 for 24-30 hours. hMECs were treated under similar conditions but with

an extended 48-hour exposure to the inhibitors. Subsequently, the cells were trypsinized and

cultured in the regular medium for 3 days (the release phase). Over-confluence was avoided both

during MPS1i treatment and the release phase. The control group was treated with an equivalent

amount of DMSO (0.1% v/v) for an identical duration and was then released for the same time

period. Both the diploid control (treated with DMSO) and the aneuploid cells (treated with reversine

or AZ3146) were plated on new culture dishes or plates to achieve comparable confluency on the

second day for downstream comparisons. To assess the potential side effects of MPS1i, confluent

hCECs with temporarily suppressed proliferation were treated with 0.1% DMSO or MPS1i (0.5 μM

reversine or 5 μM AZ3146) for 24-30 hours, followed by a 3-day release and replating for

downstream experiments. Over-confluence was only avoided during the release phase. The

induction of aneuploidy was confirmed through flow cytometric analysis of DNA content and

scRNAseq-based CNA quantification (see description below).

Isogenic clones containing different aneuploidy levels

To study the longer-term effects during adaptive stages of aneuploidy, irrespective of specific

chromosome gains or losses, a model of **chronic aneuploidy** was developed. Near-diploid TP53KO

hCECs were exposed to 0.2 μM reversine for 24 hours. Then they were plated at a low density and

allowed to grow until colonies formed. Single-cell-derived clones were isolated using glass

cylinders and transferred to separate wells in multiwell plates for further expansion. To identify

chromosomal gains and losses, the DNA of a cohort of 56 isogenic hCEC clones was extracted and

subjected to shallow whole-genome sequencing (see description below). The clones were

categorized as near-diploid, exhibiting 0-2 gains or losses of chromosomes or chromosome arms

(designated as D followed by numbers), or as aneuploid, with ≥ 5 gains or losses of chromosomes

or chromosome arms (designated as A followed by numbers).

Aneuploid mouse KP cancer cells induced by KaryoCreate targeting pan chromosomes

Independently of MPS1i, we generated aneuploid mouse KP cancer cells using our recently

developed KaryoCreate method[34] to validate the findings derived from MPS1i-induced aneuploid

cells. The mouse KP cancer cells were transduced to express an sgRNA targeting the minor
satellite regions of all mouse centromeres (sgMinSat5) and TRE-driven AuroraB-dCas9. sgMinSat5
directed the AuroraB-dCas9 proteins to the targeted centromeres, interfering with normal mitotic
function and leading to chromosome missegregation and aneuploidy. The near-diploid control cells
were infected with lentivirus carrying an identical DNA construct but with a non-centromeric sgRNA
targeting the Rosa26 locus in the mouse genome (sgRosa26). Then the cells were treated with 1
μg/mL doxycycline for two weeks to induce the expression of AuroraB-dCas9 and the generation
of aneuploidy, which was confirmed through flow cytometric analysis of DNA content and
chromosome counting in metaphase spreads (see description below).

Previously published Aneuploidy models generated by MMCT
Microcell-mediated chromosome transfer (MMCT) is a common method for generating aneuploid
clones with one or two extra chromosomes[109]. Aneuploid clones of HCT116 with an extra
chromosome 5 and RPE1 with an extra chromosome 7, along with their diploid control clones[31],
generously provided by Dr. Zuzana Storchová and Dr. Jason M. Sheltzer, served as an independent
aneuploidy model to test our hypotheses.

Flow cytometry-based measurement of DNA content
One million cells were collected and resuspended in 300 μL of cold phosphate buffered saline
(PBS). Then 700 μL of ice-cold 100% ethanol was added dropwise as cell suspensions were
vortexed at medium speed to ensure complete fixation. The cell suspensions were stored at 4℃
overnight. On the following day, the cells were resuspended in 500 μL of staining buffer (PBS
supplemented with 2 mM EDTA, 0.1 mg/mL RNAse A, 0.01 mg/mL propidium iodide (PI), and 0.5%
bovine serum albumin (BSA)), and then incubated for 1-3 hours at room temperature in the dark.
Then 200 μL of cell suspensions were transferred to round-bottom 96-well plates for flow
cytometric measurement of cellular PI intensity. Flow cytometry acquisition was performed using
the SONY SA3800 spectral cell analyzer. PI was excited by a 561 nm laser and its fluorescence was
measured through the total signal of two consecutive channels centered around 617 nm. Data
analysis was performed using FlowJo with consecutive gating to exclude cell debris and doublets.

Metaphase spreading for chromosome counting
Cells were plated in 10 cm dishes to reach 70% confluency at the time of harvest. Before harvesting,
the cells were treated with 0.1 μg/mL colcemid at 37℃ for 4 hours. Then cells were trypsinized and
washed once with PBS. The cell pellet was then resuspended in 0.5 mL of PBS by tapping, followed
by the addition of 10 mL 0.075 M potassium chloride (KCl), pre-warmed to 37℃. After thorough
mixing by gently inverting, cells were incubated for 7 minutes at 37℃. Then 1 mL of methanol-acetic
acid (3:1) was added to the cell solution, followed by thorough mixing and a 10-minute incubation
at room temperature. Then cells were resuspended in 0.5 mL of 0.075 M KCl, and 9 mL of methanol-

acetic acid (3:1) was added dropwise while vortexing the cell suspensions at medium speed to
ensure complete fixation. The fixed cells were resuspended in 0.5 mL of fresh methanol-acetic acid
(3:1) and dropped from a couple of inches above the end of cold slides tilted at a 45° angle. After
overnight air drying, the slides were stained with Vectashield antifade mounting media containing
DAPI (H-1200-10). The mounted slides were imaged using the Invitrogen EVOS M7000 imaging
system or the Nikon spinning disk confocal microscope.
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Single-cell RNA sequencing
Single-cell RNA sequencing (scRNA-seq) was employed to infer somatic copy number alterations
(SCNA) in TP53KO hCECs treated with either DMSO or MPS1i, as previously described[34]. scRNA-
seq libraries were constructed using the 10X Chromium Single-Cell 3' v3 Gene Expression kit in
accordance with the manufacturer's instructions, which also included the manufacturer's protocol
for cell surface protein (hashtag antibody) feature barcoding for samples multiplexing. The
CellRanger v6.1 pipeline (10X Genomics) was used to process raw scRNA-seq data, generating
gene expression matrices. To identify the sample of origin for each cell barcode, HTO count data
from each 10X Chromium experiment were demultiplexed using the Seurat package (v4.0.3).
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After the removal of low-quality cells and potential cell doublets, a modified version of the CopyKat
(v1.0.5) pipeline was used to generate a SCNA score for each chromosome arm in each cell.
Hashtagged samples from the same treatment in each 10X Chromium dataset were grouped
together for analysis. In each analysis, genes expressed in fewer than 5% of the cells, HLA genes,
and cell-cycle genes were excluded. The log-Freeman-Tukey transformation was employed to
stabilize variance, and dlmSmooth was used to smooth outliers. The DMSO-treated diploid control
sample was used to calculate a baseline expression level for each gene. This value was subtracted
from the samples in the set, thereby centering the expression of the control sample around 0.
Genes expressed in fewer than 10% of cells were subsequently excluded from further analysis.
Then a SCNA value was generated for each chromosome arm by calculating the mean gene
expression for the genes on that arm. To account for its relatively small size, a single SCNA value
for the entire chromosome 18 was calculated using genes from both the p and q arms. SCNA
values for chromosomes 13, 14, 15, 21, and 22 were calculated only using genes on their respective
q arms. Gains or losses of a chromosome arm relative to the control sample (diploid) were called
based on a threshold calculated from the control sample for each chromosome arm using the
following formula:

$$threshold = median \pm (2.5 \times MAD)$$

where the median is calculated from the SCNA values for each arm in the control sample, and the
median absolute deviation (MAD) is calculated by the mad function from the stats R package. A
chromosome arm was recognized as gained (or lost) if its SCNA value was above (or below) the
threshold for its sample set. The heatmap of arm-level SCNA was visualized using R package
ComplexHeatmap (v2.6.2).

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The genomic DNA of hCEC clones was extracted from trypsinized cells using 0.3 µg/µL Proteinase

K in 10 mM Tris pH 8.0 for 1 hr at 55°C, followed by heat inactivation at 70°C for 10 minutes.

Genomic DNA was then enzymatically digested using NEBNext dsDNA Fragmentase for 25

minutes at 37°C, followed by magnetic DNA bead cleanup using Sera-Mag Select Beads at a beas-

to-lysate ratio of 2:1 by volume. Subsequently, DNA libraries were prepared with an average

fragment size of 320 bp using the NEBNext Ultra II DNA Library Prep Kit for Illumina, following the

manufacturer's instructions. In brief, after phosphorylation, dA-Tailing and adaptor ligation of

fragmented DNA, unique barcodes were added to each sample and PCR amplification was

performed, followed by a bead cleanup. Quantification was performed using a Qubit 2.0 fluorometer

and the Qubit dsDNA HS kit. The libraries were then sequenced on an Illumina NextSeq 500 at a

target depth of 4 million reads in either paired-end mode (2 X 36 cycles) or single-end mode (1 X

75 cycles). Low-pass (~0.1-0.5X) WGS reads of hCEC were aligned to reference human genome

hg38 using BWA-mem (v0.7.17) and the duplicates was removed using GATK (Genome Analysis

Toolkit, v4.1.7.0) to generate analysis-ready BAM files. The resulting BAM files were processed

using the R package CopywriteR (v1.18.0) to determine the arm-level copy numbers. The heatmap

of arm-level SCNA was visualized using R package ComplexHeatmap (v2.6.2).

Aneuploidy score

Aneuploidy was quantified by estimating the total number of arm-level gains and losses for each

hCEC clone, cancer cell line, or tumor sample. For hCEC clones, the arm-level copy number

alterations were calculated based on the copy number package[110]. We considered a log2-

transformed copy number ratio > 0.3 as a gain and <(−0.3) as a loss. The aneuploidy scores of

CCLE cancer cell lines were downloaded from Depmap portal[111]. For Fig. 4B and 4C, cell lines were

stratified into three groups based on aneuploid scores (low, medium, and high aneuploidy) with the

same number of cells in each group (pan-cancer: 314 cell lines per group; COREAD: 18 cell lines per

group). For TCGA COREAD samples, the arm and gene level somatic copy number alteration data

were obtained from the TCGA dataset. The log2-transformed copy number ratios for each

chromosomal region were adjusted by tumor purity and ploidy using ABSOLUTE method [112].

Sample-related purity and ploidy were downloaded from TCGA Firehose Legacy. The detailed

method for copy number adjustment based on purity and ploidy was described before[113]. After the

adjustment, we considered a log2-transformed copy number ratio > 0.3 as a gain and < (−0.3) as a

loss.

Assessing cellular sensitivity to different types of cellular perturbations

Cell sensitivity to different cellular stress between diploid and aneuploid hCECs was compared.

First, TP53WT diploid hCECs were labeled with nuclear-localized GFP using lentiviral transduction,

followed by fluorescence-activated cell sorting (FACS). Then the unlabeled hCECs were treated with
MPS1i to induce aneuploidy, while the labeled hCECs were treated with DMSO as a diploid control.
One day before the addition of the stress-inducing drugs, DMSO-treated diploid hCECs (labeled with
GFP) and MPS1i-treated aneuploid hCECs (unlabeled) were plated into individual 96-well plates at
a density that allowed cells to reach a comparable confluent level of 60% when cells were treated
with drugs. On the second day, the culture media was replaced with fresh media containing one of
the following drugs: 30-50 µM H_2O_2, 100 nM bafilomycin A1, 50 µM chloroquine, 100 nM MG132,
100 nM bortezomib, 10 µM 17AAG, 5 µg/mL tunicamycin, 1.5 µM oliomycin, 50 nM rotenone, 100
µg/mL chloramphenicol, 50 or 200 µM bleomycin, 50 or 200 µM etoposide, 10 or 50 µM
camptothecin, 20 or 100 µM pyridostatin, 250 or 1000 µM temozolomide, 500 nM erastin, 20 mM
2DG, 50 µM EHT1864, 100 µM NSC23766, 10 µM UC2288, 5 µM TPCA1, or 1 µM JNK-IN-8. The
cells were grown in the presence of the drugs for 24 hours. Following this, the cells were harvested
and the labeled diploid hCECs were mixed with the unlabeled aneuploid hCECs under identical
conditions. The cell mixture was stained with 2 µg/mL PI for 10 minutes in the dark, and then
analyzed using flow cytometry to assess the cell number ratios between viable diploid (PI- and
GFP+) and aneuploid (PI- and GFP-) hCECs under varying conditions.
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Assessing cellular sensitivity to oxidative stress
To compare H_2O_2 sensitivity, cells were cultured on multiwell plates to achieve a comparable
confluence at the time of H_2O_2 addition. On the second day, the culture medium was replaced with
fresh medium containing H_2O_2. Cells were subjected to a gradient of H_2O_2 concentrations to
determine the concentrations at which a portion of cells died, while avoiding high concentrations
that resulted in complete cell death for all cells. Following a 24-hour treatment in a humidified
environment at 37℃ with 5% CO_2, the relative cell viability was examined (see description below).
In some cases, cells were treated with H_2O_2 for one hour and then released for 24 hours before the
detection of the relative viability. The brief H_2O_2 exposure aimed to mitigate the influence of altered
cell cycles and varying proliferation rates in diploid and aneuploid cells. The figure legends specify
the concentration and duration of H_2O_2 treatment.
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To assess cell sensitivity to oxidative stress induced by lower concentrations of H_2O_2 over an
extended duration, we used two independent assays to compare near-diploid and aneuploid hCEC
clones. First, three GFP-labeled near-diploid hCEC clones and three unlabeled aneuploid hCEC
clones were mixed in equal numbers. These mixed cells were cultured in the presence of low
concentrations of H_2O_2 for three days (2-20 µM), without being confluent. The ratio of live cell
numbers between GFP-labeled near-diploid and unlabeled aneuploid hCECs were measured using
flow cytometry. Second, 10,000 near-diploid and aneuploid hCECs, with each group consisting of
three hCEC clones with different karyotypes in equal cell numbers, were mixed with 2 mL of 37℃
0.45% low melting temperature agarose, with or without 10 µM H_2O_2, and added to 6-well plates

pre-coated with 0.9% low melting temperature agarose. After the gel solidified, the cells were grown
in a humidified environment at 37°C with 5% CO_2, and fresh medium with or without 10 µM H_2O_2
were added to the top of the agarose daily. After ten days of growth, the colonies were stained with
150 µL of 2 mg/mL nitro blue tetrazolium and imaged with the Microtek scanner (TMA 1600-III,
ScanMaker 9800XL plus). The number of colonies for near-diploid and aneuploid hCECs were
quantified using Fiji software and compared.
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To evaluate cell sensitivity to oxidative stress induced by alternative methods, we compared the
relative viability between near-diploid and aneuploid hCEC clones after treatment with 100 µM
xanthine and 20 mU/mL xanthine oxidase for 24 hours. Control cells were treated with 100 µM
xanthine alone for the same duration. In the presence of the xanthine and xanthine oxidase, both
superoxide and H_2O_2 are generated. Cells were subjected to varying concentrations of xanthine and
xanthine oxidase to determine the concentrations at which a portion of cells died, while avoiding
high concentrations that resulted in complete cell death for all cells.
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To compare the H_2O_2 sensitivity of unattached cells (Fig. S1H), 100 µL of medium with or without
45 µM H_2O_2 was pre-added to 48-well plates. Then 35,000 hCECs in 200 µL of medium were added
into the 48-well plates, followed by thorough mixing. Cell viability was examined after a 24-hour
culture in a humidified environment at 37°C and 5% CO_2. To compare the H_2O_2 sensitivity of cells
attached to different surfaces (Fig. S1I), multiwell plates were coated with cold DMEM containing
1% GelTrex (LDEV-free reduced growth factor basement membrane matrix) in a humidified
environment at 37°C and 5% CO_2 for at least one hour. After removing the coating solution, cells
were plated on the multiwell plates to achieve a comparable confluence at the time of H_2O_2
addition. 50 µM H_2O_2 were added into plates on the second day and cell viability was examined 24
hours after H_2O_2 treatment.
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Sensitivity to other drugs or UV treatment
To arrest diploid cells at the G1 or S phase, TP53KO diploid hCECs were treated with 0.5 µM
palbociclib (a CD4/6 inhibitor, Selleck Chemicals, S1116) or 2 mM thymidine (a DNA synthesis
inhibitor, Sigma-Aldrich, T1895) for 24 hours. Following this treatment, the culture medium was
replaced with a fresh medium containing 100 µM H_2O_2 in addition to 0.5 µM palbociclib or 2 mM
thymidine for another 24 hours to compare the ROS resistance of the arrested cells.
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To determine the specific form of cell death activated under oxidative stress, we treated the cells
with inhibitors of distinct cell death pathways, including apoptosis (10 µM Z-VAD-FMK, Selleck
Chemicals, S7023), necrosis (20 µM necrostatin-7, Cayman Chemical, 10528), ferroptosis (20 µM
ferrostatin-1, Sigma-Aldrich, SML0583), and parthanatos (10 µM olaparib, Cell Signaling, 93852S),
before and after H_2O_2 treatment to test if any of them was able to rescue the effects of H_2O_2

treatment on diploid clones. The diploid hCEC clone or hMEC cells was pretreated with the cell
death inhibitors for 2 hours, followed by a one-hour exposure to 50 µM H_2O_2 without the inhibitors.
Then the cells were released from H_2O_2 and incubated with cell death inhibitors for 24 hours before
the detection of cell viability.
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1027 To examine the role of NAD+ depletion during PARP1-mediated cell death, the hCEC clones were
1028 pre-cultured in medium with and without the supplementation of 180 µM NMN (Sigma-Aldrich,
1029 N3501) for 24 hours before H_2O_2 treatment.
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1031 To compare cell resistance to alkylating agents, near-diploid and aneuploid hCEC clones, either with
1032 or without PARP1 overexpression, were treated with 62.5 µM MNNG (Selleck Chemicals, E0157)
1033 for 24 hours before the detection of cell viability.
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To compare cell resistance to UV radiation, the hCEC clones were plated on 6-well plates to reach
a comparable confluent level of 60% when cells were irradiated with UV. On the second day, the
cells were washed with PBS, followed by UV irradiation (50 J/m2, cells were in PBS) with the lid
removed (UV Stratalinker 2400). Then PBS was replaced with fresh media and cells were cultured
in a humidified environment at 37℃ and 5% CO_2 for 5 days. The confluent cells were split during
this period. After the 5-day release, the cell number ratios of UV-treated cells to untreated cells (the
relative viability) for each clone were compared.
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To assess DNA damage repair in diploid and aneuploid cells, two near-diploid (D23 and D29) and
two high-aneuploidy (A20 and A29) hCEC clones were transiently exposed to various genotoxic
agents to induce DNA damage through distinct mechanisms, including H_2O_2 (50 µM, 1 hour), MNNG
(125 µM, 1 hour), camptothecin (Selleck Chemicals, S1288, 10 µM, 2 hours), etoposide (Selleck
Chemicals, S1225, 200 µM, 1 hour), pyridostatin (Selleck Chemicals, S7444, 20 µM, 2 hours),
doxorubicin (Selleck Chemicals, S1208, 10 µM, 2 hours) and bleomycin (Selleck Chemicals, S1214,
50 µM, 1 hour).
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1051 To examine the effect of lysosome inhibitor Baf A1 on PARP1 expression and cell resistance to
1052 H_2O_2, hCECs (TP53WT and TP53KO) were incubated with 5 nM Baf A1 for 1 to 24 hours and then
1053 collected for western blot, or treated with 200 µM H_2O_2 for 24 hours to compare their resistance to
1054 H_2O_2.
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Brightfield and widefield fluorescence imaging
The brightfield images of cells before and after H_2O_2 treatment were acquired using the EVOS
M5000 imaging system. To distinguish between live and dead cells using fluorescence imaging,
the cells were first stained with 2.5 µM SYTO 13 (or 1 µg/mL Hoechst 33342) and 3 µg/mL PI for

15 minutes in the dark. Then they were imaged using the Incucyte S3 system (for SYTO 13 and PI)
or the Cytation Cell Imaging Reader (for Hoechst 33342 and PI). In the case of the Incucyte S3
system, the signal from SYTO 13 and PI was acquired using the Green cube (441-481 nm Ex; 503-
544 nm Em) and the Red cube (567-607 nm Ex; 622-704 nm Em), respectively. For the Cytation Cell
Imaging Reader, the signal from Hoechst 33342 and PI was acquired using the DAPI cube (377 nm
Ex; 447 nm Em) and the Texas Red cube (586 nm Ex; 647 nm Em), respectively. Live cells were
identified as being SYTO 13 (or Hoechst 33342) positive and PI negative, while dead cells were
identified as being SYTO 13 (or Hoechst 33342) positive and PI positive. The brightness, contrast
and size of the images were adjusted using Fiji software.
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1070 **Measurement of relative cellular viability**
1071 To assess the relative viability of cells under drug treatment, two independent methods based on
1072 fluorescence imaging or flow cytometry were used. The relative viability (%) was calculated using
1073 the formula:

1074 $$relative\ viability\ (\%)\ =\ \frac{Number\ of\ live\ cells\ under\ treatment}{Number\ of\ live\ cells\ without\ treatment} \times 100$$

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To measure relative viability through fluorescence imaging, cells with and without treatment were
stained with 1 µg/mL PI and 2.5 µM SYTO 13 for 15 minutes in the dark. The brightfield and
fluorescence images of cells under different conditions were acquired using the Incucyte S3
system (brightfield channel, GFP channel for SYTO 13, and RFP channel for PI). Live cells were
identified as being SYTO 13 positive and PI negative (GFP+ and RFP-), while dead cells were
identified as being SYTO 13 positive and PI positive (GFP+ and RFP-). The counting of GFP+ and
RFP+ cells for each image was performed using CellProfiler software. The number of live cells was
determined by subtracting the count of RFP+ cells from the count of GFP+ cells. For mouse KP
cancer cells, the cell confluence in the brightfield channel calculated by Incucyte S3 software was
used as a representation of the number of live cells because the cells were too close to each other
to accurately count the number of stained cells.
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To measure relative viability through flow cytometry, cells with and without treatment were
harvested by trypsinization. A known number of GFP+ cells were spiked into each sample as a
reference, and cells were subsequently stained with 1 µg/mL PI for 10 minutes in the dark. The cell
mixture was then analyzed using flow cytometry (SONY SA3800) to determine the cell number ratio
of GFP- and GFP+ cells with exclusion of PI positive dead cells. The number of live cells for each
condition was calculated using the following formula:

$$N\ of\ live\ cells\ =\ \frac{\%\ of\ GFP^-\ sample\ cells\ detected\ by\ flow\ cytometry}{\%\ of\ GFP^+\ reference\ cells\ detected\ by\ flow\ cytometry}$$
$$\times N\ of\ GFP^+ reference\ cells\ spiked\ in$$

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1097   In Fig. S1C and S1D, the percentage of dead cells was used to represent the cell sensitivity to the
1098   treatment. To achieve this, cells were stained with 1 µg/mL PI and 1 µg/mL Hoechst 33342 for 15
1099   minutes in the dark. Then the counting of live cells (Hoechst 33342 positive and PI negative) and
1100   dead cells (Hoechst 33342 positive and PI positive) was based on flow cytometry using SONY
1101   SA3800 or fluorescence imaging using Cytation Cell Imaging Reader.

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Cell proliferation assay
To assess cell proliferation rate, cells were plated in multiwell plates to reach a confluent level of
20% on the second day. The second day, the cells were provided with extra fresh medium, followed
by the acquisition of brightfield images at regular intervals (every 4-6 hours) from multiple non-
overlapping planes of view for each well using Incucyte S3 (10x objective) until the cells reached
complete confluence. Cell confluence was quantified using the Incucyte basic quantification
function. The confluence data was further processed using R studio to exclude confluence values
below 20% or above 80%. The resulting confluence data was fitted using the GraphPad Exponential
(Malthusian) growth model as follows:
$$Y = Y_0 \times e^{k \times t}$$
Doubling time, calculated as $ln(2)/k$, is the time needed for the cell population to double.

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Alkaline comet assay
DNA damage at the single-cell level, both before and after H_2O_2 treatment, including single-strand
and double-strand DNA breaks, and apurinic and apyrimidinic sites, was detected by the alkaline
comet assay. The assay principle relies on the ability of denatured cleaved DNA fragments to
migrate out of the cell under the impact of an electric potential, while undamaged supercoiled DNA
remains confined within the cell membrane when a current is applied. To perform this assay, cells,
both with and without one-hour exposure to 50 µM H_2O_2, were collected by trypsinization, washed
with cold PBS, and resuspended in cold PBS at a concentration of 100,000 cells/mL. Then 40 µL of
the cell suspensions were mixed with 400 µL of molten 1% low melting temperature agarose (at
37°C), and 40 µL of this mixture was immediately dropped onto 8-well hydrophobic printed slides
(Electron Microscopy Sciences, 63422-11) which were pre-coated with 1% normal melting
temperature agarose. The slides were left for 10 minutes at 4°C in the dark to allow the gel to
solidify. Then the slides were immersed in pre-chilled lysis buffer (comprising 2.5 M NaCl, 100 mM
EDTA, 10 mM Tris Base, 1% sodium lauryl sarcosinate, and 1% Triton X-100) for 45 minutes at 4°C
in the dark, followed by immersion in a fresh alkaline solution, pH > 13, (consisting of 300 mM NaOH
and 1 mM EDTA) for 45 minutes at room temperature in the dark. The slides were then transferred
to a horizontal electrophoresis apparatus with the cold alkaline solution covering them.
Electrophoresis was performed for 30 minutes at 4°C with a voltage set at about 1 V/cm x distance
between electrodes (buffer volume was adjusted until the current was approximately 300 mA).
Then the slides were immersed in 70% ethanol for 5 minutes. After overnight air drying, the slides
were stained with SYBR Gold nucleic acid gel stain, rinsed with PBS, followed by confocal imaging

(using a x4 objective and GFP channel of a Nikon spinning disk confocal microscope). The relative
DNA contents in comet tails compared to the whole comets, quantified using CellProfiler software,
was used to represent the degree of DNA damage.
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Detection of lipid peroxidation
To detect degrees of lipid peroxidation with or without H_2O_2 treatment, C11-BODIPY 581/591
(Thermo Fisher, D3861), a lipid-soluble ratiometric fluorescent probe of lipid oxidation, was used to
stain hCECs (5 µM for 45 minutes at 37℃ in the dark). The probes were integrated into the cellular
membranes, mimicking the properties of natural lipids. Oxidation of the polyunsaturated butadienyl
portion of the probes lead to a shift of the fluorescence emission peak from ~590 nm to ~510 nm,
providing a method to measure cell antioxidant activity in lipid environments. After staining, the
cells were washed with PBS and exposed to 50 µM H_2O_2 (or blank control) in fresh media for 30
minutes. Then the cells were collected by trypsinization and the fluorescence emission ratio of 591
nm to 510 nm emitted by the probes was measured using flow cytometry.
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Immunofluorescence
Coverslips were coated with cold DMEM containing 1% GelTrex (LDEV-free reduced growth factor
basement membrane matrix) in a humidified environment at 37℃ with 5% CO_2 for at least one hour.
Then the cells were plated on these pre-coated coverslips in 24-well plates. On the second day, the
cells were treated with drugs indicated in the results and legends. After the treatment, the cells
were washed with PBS, and then fixed in 4% paraformaldehyde solution in PBS for 10 minutes at
room temperature and washed with PBS for 10 minutes. Fixed cells were permeabilized with 0.5%
Triton X-100 in PBS for 20 minutes at room temperature and washed with PBS for 10 minutes. The
cells were then blocked with the blocking solution (1 mg/mL BSA, 3% goat serum, 0.1% Triton X-
100, and 1mM EDTA at pH 8.0, in PBS) for 1 hour at room temperature and washed with PBS twice.
Then the cells were incubated with primary antibodies (see below) diluted in the blocking solution
at 4℃ overnight, followed by three washes with PBS. Negative controls, used to assess nonspecific
background, underwent a similar process but were incubated with the blocking solution without
primary antibodies. Next, the cells were incubated with secondary antibodies (see below) diluted in
the blocking solution for two hours at room temperature, followed by three washes with PBS. In
case of Phalloidin staining, the cells were next incubated with DyLight 554 Phalloidin (Cell Signaling
Technology, 13054) diluted 1:400 in PBS for 15 minutes, followed by PBS washing. The coverslips
were mounted with Vectashield antifade mounting media containing DAPI (H-1200-10). Images
were acquired using the Nikon spinning disk confocal microscope at a 100x objective, ensuring
overexposure was prevented during imaging. The ratio of area-normalized NRF2 fluorescence
intensity in the nuclei to that in the cytoplasm, the area-normalized γH2AX fluorescence intensity
in the nuclei, and the area-normalized CEBPB fluorescence intensity in the nuclei (ratio of the total
intensity to the area for each nucleus) were quantified using CellProfiler software. The NRF2

primary antibody (Proteintech, 16396-1-AP) was diluted at 1:200, γH2AX primary antibody (Sigma,
05-636) was diluted at 1:1000, and CEBPB primary antibody (Abcam, ab32358) was diluted 1:100.
Invitrogen goat anti-rabbit (A11034) IgG secondary antibody conjugated with Alexa Fluor 488 was
used for NRF2 and CEBPB primary antibodies and anti-mouse (A28175) IgG secondary antibody
conjugated with Alexa Fluor 488 was used for γH2AX primary antibody, at a dilution of 1:1000.
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1180 **Western blot**
A total of 1,000,000 cells were harvested by trypsinization, washed with cold PBS, and lysed in 100
μL of RIPA lysis buffer (Abcam, ab156034) supplemented with the protease and phosphatase
inhibitor cocktail (Thermo Scientific, 78441). To detect pADPr, the cells were treated with 2 μM PDD
00017273 (a cell-permeable inhibitor of Poly(ADP-ribose) Glycohydrolase) for 1 hour before and
during H_2O_2 treatment to suppress pADPr degradation. Then an equivalent number of cells were
directly lysed in plates on ice using a specialized lysis buffer containing the inhibitors of PARP and
PARG due to the rapid dynamic of PARP1 synthesis and degradation even after cell lysis [114]. This
lysis buffer consisted of 50 mM Tris-HCl, pH 8.0, 100 mM NaCl, 1% Triton X-100, 5 mM MgCl2, 5
mM Bond-Breaker TCEP solution, 1x protease and phosphatase inhibitor cocktail (Thermo
Scientific, 78441), 1.6 μM ADP-HPD (Sigma-Aldrich, 118415), 1 μM olaparib (Cell Signaling, 93852),
and 125 U/mL benzonase (Sigma-Aldrich, E1014).
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The lysates were agitated for 30 minutes at 4℃, followed by high-level sonication for 5 minutes at
4℃ (Diagenode Bioruptor Standard Sonication System, UCD-200). Then the lysates were
centrifuged at 4°C and the supernatants were collected. Subsequently, the Pierce LDS buffer
(Thermo Scientific, 84788) and the Bond-Breaker TCEP solution (Thermo Scientific, 77720) were
added into the supernatants to reach concentrations as recommended by the manufacturers. The
lysates were then boiled for 10 minutes at 80°C. After returning to room temperature, 15 uL of the
lysates were loaded into wells of NuPAGE 4-12% Bis-Tris mini gels (Thermo Scientific, NP0323BOX)
for electrophoresis, followed by transfer to either PVDF membranes (Bio-Rad, 1704274) using a
semi-dry system (Trans-Blot Turbo transfer system, Bio-Rad, 1704150), or to nitrocellulose
membranes (Bio-Rad, 1620212) using a tank transfer system (Mini Trans-Blot Cell, Bio-Rad,
1703930), following the manufacturer's protocols. The membranes were then blocked with 5% non-
fat milk in Tris-buffered saline (TBS) with 0.1% Tween-20 (TBST) for 1 hour at room temperature,
followed by an overnight incubation with primary antibodies diluted in 2.5% BSA in TBS (see below)
at 4°C. Subsequently, the membranes were washed three times with TBST and incubated with
either fluorophore- or horseradish peroxidase (HRP)-conjugated secondary antibodies diluted in
2.5% BSA in TBST for 2 hours at room temperature. Then the membranes were washed three times
with TBST before signal detection. For fluorophore-conjugated secondary antibodies, the signal
was directly detected using the Li-Cor Odyssey DLx imaging system. For HRP-conjugated
secondary antibodies, the membranes were incubated with Pierce ECL Western Blotting Substrate

(Thermo Scientific, 32106) in the dark for three minutes and then imaged using the Bio-Rad Gel Dox
XR imaging system. Quantification of WB images was performed using Image J by calculating the
signal derived from the indicated WB bands and subtracting the relative background. Normalization
was performed relative to the indicate internal control protein. In the case of Reversine or AZ3146
treated cells, normalization to the total percentage of aneuploid cells was performed.
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The following antibodies and dilutions were used: TP53 (Santa Cruz, sc-126) at a dilution of 1:100,
NRF2 (Cell Signaling Technology, D1Z9C) at a dilution of 1:1000, PARP1 (Proteintech, 13371-1-AP
or Cell Signaling, 9542T) at a dilution of 1:1000, pADPr (Sigma-Aldrich, MABE1031) at a dilution of
1:1000, γH2AX (Sigma-Aldrich, 05-636) at a dilution of 1:1000, H2AX (Cell Signaling Technology,
2595) at a dilution of 1:1000, GAPDH (Santa Cruz, sc-47724) at a dilution of 1:10,000, vinculin
(Sigma-Aldrich, V9131) at a dilution of 1:20,000, IRDye 680RD goat anti-mouse IgG secondary
antibody (926-68070) at a dilution of 1:20,000, IRDye 800CW goat anti-rabbit IgG secondary
antibody (926-32211) at a dilution of 1:20,000, HRP-conjugated goat anti-mouse IgG secondary
antibody (ab205719) at 1:10,000, HRP-conjugated goat anti-rabbit IgG secondary antibody
(ab205718) at 1:10,000.
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RNA sequencing and data processing
Cells were plated on 6-well plates one day before the collection. On the second day, the cells were
examined to ensure their confluency level between 70% to 90%, with normal morphological
characteristics. Then the cells were washed twice with PBS and promptly stored at −80°C. Total
RNA was extracted using the PicoPure RNA Isolation kit (Life Technologies, Frederick, MD), which
included an on-column RNase-free DNase I treatment (QIAGEN, Hilden, Germany), following the
manufacturer's recommendations. To further purify the RNA for sequencing, the QIAGEN RNeasy
Mini Kit (QIAGEN, 74106) was used. The concentration and integrity of the RNA were assessed
using a 2100 BioAnalyzer (Agilent, Santa Clara, CA). Subsequently, sequencing libraries were
constructed using the TruSeq Stranded Total RNA Library Prep Gold mRNA kit (Illumina, San Diego,
CA) with an input of 250 ng RNA and a 13-cycle final amplification. The resulting libraries were
quantified using High Sensitivity D1000 ScreenTape on a 2200 TapeStation (Agilent) and the Qubit
1x dsDNA HS Assay Kit (Invitrogen, Waltham, MA). The samples were equimolarity pooled, and
sequencing was carried out on an Illumina NovaSeq6000 SP 100 Cycle Flow Cell v1.5 in paired-end
50 reads mode.
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The total RNA-sequencing reads were mapped to the human genome hg38 using STAR (v2.7.7a)[115]
with a 2-pass model. The hg38 reference sequence and RefSeq annotation were obtained from the
UCSC table browser. The quantification of gene and transcript expression levels was performed
using RSEM (v1.3.1)[116], which generated gene-level raw counts and fragments per kilobase of
transcript per million mapped reads (FPKM) results in table format. The RNA RSEM data was

filtered to include genes with a median FPKM > 1 for downstream analyses. The expression change

(Log2FC) of reversine- and AZ3146-treated hCECs compared to DMSO-treated hCECs were

calculated using DESeqDataSetFromMatrix and DESeq functions in the R package DESeq2

(v1.34.0)[117], which was used in Fig. 2D, 6D, and Fig. S3B, with the mean for the control being set to

zero. For hCEC clones with different degrees of aneuploidy, the raw counts table was normalized

using DESeqDataSetFromMatrix, estimateSizeFactors and counts functions in the R package

DESeq2, followed by Log2 transformed. The log2-transformed normalized RNA levels were fitted

by aneuploidy degrees of hCEC clones with a linear model as the following formula:

$$RNA\,log2FC \sim \beta_0 + \beta_1 \times aneuploidy\,score$$

The t-value of aneuploidy coefficient β_1 was used to represent the association between RNA level

and aneuploidy degree, as shown in Fig. 2F, 6E and Fig. S3C. A positive (negative) t-value

represented the RNA expression of the certain gene increased (decreased) in hCEC clones with

higher degree of aneuploidy.

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The Log2FC of reversine/AZ3146-treated hCECs and the t-value of aneuploidy coefficient of hCEC

clones were used in Fig. 5G, 6B and Fig. S5B-D. For PCA of RNA expression levels for lysosome or

proteasome genes in hCEC clones shown in Fig. 5F, the raw count table of all genes obtained from

RNAseq was pre-processed using the variance stabilizing transformation function in the DESeq2

package. Then 121 lysosome genes or 46 proteasome genes, as defined by the Kyoto Encyclopedia

of Genes and Genomes (KEGG), were used to generate the PCA plot using the plotPCA function in

the DESeq2 package. To assess the statistical significance of group separation in PCA plots, we

performed permutation tests with 10,000 permutations. For each permutation, we calculated the

mean Euclidean distance between groups in PC1-PC2 space as the test statistic. The p-value was

determined as the fraction of permuted statistics that exceeded the observed test statistic. This

analysis was implemented using custom R scripts with the vegan package (v2.6-4). The separation

between diploid and aneuploid groups was considered significant when the permutation test p-

value < 0.05.

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Analysis of published transcriptome data

The RNA-sequencing reads for TP53WT RPE1 cells treated with DMSO, reversine, Baf A1 or MG132

were downloaded from the Gene Expression Omnibus (GSE60570). The RNA-sequencing reads for

TP53KO RPE1 cells treated with DMSO or reversine were downloaded from GSE188644. These raw

sequencing reads were aligned using STAR, quantification using RSEM, and differential expression

analysis using DESeq2, as described in the preceding section. The gene expression changes

(Log2FC) were used to calculate the correlation in Fig. 5G and generate the heatmap in Fig. 6A and

Fig. S5B-C. The raw counts table was normalized using the DESeq2, followed by Log2 transformed.

The log2-transformed normalized PARP1 levels were compared in cells treated with different drugs,

with the mean for the control being set to zero (Fig. 2D, Fig. 5H, Fig. S5H).

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The Log2-transformed normalized PARP1, TIMELESS, or CEBPB RNA levels in HCT116 treated with
DMSO and reversine were obtained from the supplementary table 7 of Cohen-Sharir et al., 2021[111],
which were used in Fig. 2D, 6D and Fig. S3B, with the mean for the control being set to zero. The
Log2FC of PARP1 RNA levels in aneuploid clones generated using MMCT, compared to their near-
diploid controls, were obtained from supplementary table 2 of Dürrbaum et al., 2014[29], which were
used in Fig. S2I. The Log2-transformed transcript per million (TPM) of PARP1 and CEBPB in CCLE
cancer cell lines were obtained from Depmap portal[118,119] (Expression public 21Q4), which were
used in Fig. 4B-C, Fig. S6C, Fig. 6K. The FPKM of PARP1 in TCGA COREAD samples (n = 597) were
obtained from the Human Protein Atlas, which were used in Fig. 4K. For CCLE cell lines, the PARP1
SCNA (Log2, obtained from Depmap portal, 21Q4) was substrate from the PARP1 RNA levels
(Log2) to normalize the copy number change. For TCGA COREAD samples, the patients with PARP1
DNA gain or loss were removed from the analysis (absolute SCNA value ≥ 0.05). To study the
impact of CEBPB copy number change on PARP1 expression changes, TCGA COREAD samples
without PARP1 copy alterations were classified based on CEBPB copy number status (diploid, gain,
or amp, defined by cBioPortal). The PARP1 expression profile of each group is shown in Fig. S6A.
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The PARP1 RNA levels of paired and unpaired primary and metastatic tumors were downloaded
from Gene Expression Omnibus (GSE131418)[52]. For the unpaired tumors, COREAD patients were
separated into a discovery cohort (MCC dataset with 333 primary tumors and 184 metastases) and
a validation cohort (Consortium dataset with 545 primary tumors and 72 metastases). The probe-
level raw data generated via Rosetta/Merck human RSTA custom Affymetrix 2.0 microarray was
read using ReadAffy function and the robust multichip average (RMA) expression was calculated
using rma function in the affy package (v1.72.0)[120], including background correction, normalization,
and expression calculation (Log2). Five probes for PARP1 were selected and their normalized levels
in different samples were shown in Fig. S4E. The normalized levels of probe AK225654at in
different samples were shown in Fig. 4N. For the paired tumors, the metastases profiles were
normalized to the paired primary as processed by Zhang et al.[121]. In brief, the probe with the highest
variability across patients for each gene (by SD applied to log2-transformed expression values) was
selected to represent the gene in the dataset. Then the log2-transformed expression values for
each metastasis expression profile were centered on its primary pair, with the values for the primary
pair being set to zero. Then, the centered expression values were divided by the SD across the
centered metastasis and primary profiles. The normalized expression values of PARP1 were used
in Fig. 4M.
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The following datasets from Gene Expression Omnibus were used to compare PARP1 or CEBPB
RNA expression change in Baf A1-treated cells compared with that in DMSO-treated controls: RPE1
treated with 0.1 µM Baf A1 for 6 hours (n = 3; data from GSE60570, see above)[28], HCT116 treated
with 5 nM Baf A1 for 48 hours (n = 2; data from GSE150523) [53]. HEK293T treated with 10 nM Baf

A1 for 24 hours (n = 3; data from GSE141507)[54]. HeLa cells were treated with 15 nM Baf A1 for 24
hours (n = 2; data from GSE16870)[55]. The following datasets from Gene Expression Omnibus were
used to compare PARP1 RNA expression change in Bortezomib- or MG132-treated cells compared
with that in DMSO-treated controls: RPE1 cells treated with 1 µM MG132 for 24 hours (n = 3, data
from GSE60570, see above)[28]. HCT116 treated with 5 nM bortezomib for 6 hours (n = 2, data from
GSE95513)[56], 100 nM bortezomib for 3 hours, or 20 µM MG132 for 3 hours (n = 4, data from
GSE165325)[58]. iPSC-derived endothelial cells (SCVI-100 and SCVI-114) or primary human aortic
endothelial cells treated with 2 nM bortezomib for 72 hours (n = 1, data from GSE217898)[57]. The
log2-transformed normalized PARP1 levels were directly obtained using the online analysis tool
(GEO2R) of Gene Expression Omnibus, with the mean for the controls being set to zero.
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1338   Liquid-chromatography mass spectrometry and data processing
The cell pellets were lysed using the following buffer: 8 M urea, 100 mM Tris, pH = 8.5, 10 mM TCEP,
and 40 mM CAA (150 µL per sample) and sonicated in a probe sonicator for 1 × 5 s cycle at
amplitude of 50%. After sonication, the lysates were incubated for 30 min at 56°C in a thermoshaker
at 1000 rpm. Insoluble debris was removed by centrifugation for 5 minutes at 16,000 × g. Protein
concentrations were measured using the A280 method, and the proteins were subsequently
digested with trypsin at 50:1 (w/w) ratio at 37°C (lysates were diluted sixfold with 20 mM Tris, pH
= 8 prior to digestion). After digestion, the samples were acidified with 10% FA to a final
concentration of 0.5% FA and centrifuged to remove undigested material. The resulting peptides
were desalted using tC18 Waters SepPak cartridges, and eluates were dried on a speedvac.

50 µg of the digest from each sample were solubilized in 20 µL of 50 mM HEPES buffer pH = 8.5.
Then 8 µL of 12.5 mg/mL TMTPro reagent were added, and the labeling reaction was allowed to
proceed for 30 min at room temperature. Excess label was quenched by adding 40 µL of 500 mM
ABC buffer for 30 min at 37°C. Labeled peptides from different samples were mixed to create two
16-plex TMT batches, which were then desalted using tC18 SepPak cartridges, concentrated using
a speedvac, and fractionated offline.

500 µg of peptides were fractionated using a Waters XBridge BEH 130A C18 column (3.5 µm, 4.63
× 250 mm) on an Agilent 1260 Infinity series HPLC system operating at a flow rate of 1 mL/min
with three buffer lines: buffer A consisting of water, buffer B of acetonitrile, and buffer C of 100 mM
ammonium bicarbonate. Peptides were separated by a linear gradient from 5% B to 35% B in 62
min followed by a linear increase to 60% B in 5 min, and ramped to 70% B in 3 min. Buffer C was
constantly introduced throughout the gradient at 10%. Fractions were collected every 60 seconds.
Fractions from 30 to 64 were used for LC-MS/MS analysis.

The LC separation was performed online on EvosepOne LC (Bache et al., 2018) utilizing Dr Maisch
C18 AQ analytical column (1.9 µm, 0.15 x 15 mm, Cat# EV-1106). Peptides were gradiently eluted
from the column directly to an Orbitrap HFX mass spectrometer using a 44-minute evosep method
(30SPD) at a flow rate of 220 nL/min. The mass spectrometer was operated in a data-dependent
acquisition mode (DDA). High-resolution full MS spectra were acquired with a resolution of 120,000,
an AGC target of 3e6, a maximum ion injection time of 100 ms, and scan range of 400−1600 m/z.
Following each full MS scan, 20 data-dependent HCD MS/MS scans were acquired at the resolution
of 60,000, AGC target of 5e5, maximum ion time of 100 ms, one microscan, 0.4 m/z isolation
window, normalized collision energy of 30, fixed first mass 100 m/z, and dynamic exclusion for 45
s. Both MS and MS2 spectra were recorded in profile mode.

The MS data were analyzed using MaxQuant software (v1.6.15.0)[122] and searched against the
SwissProt subset of the human UniProt database containing 20,430 entries. Database search was
performed in Andromeda[123] integrated in the MaxQuant environment. A list of 248 common
laboratory contaminants included in MaxQuant was also added to the database as well as reversed
versions of all sequences. For searching, the enzyme specificity was set to trypsin with the
maximum number of missed cleavages set to 2. The precursor mass tolerance was set to 20 ppm
for the first search used for nonlinear mass recalibration and then to 6 ppm for the main search.
Oxidation of methionine was searched as variable modification; carbamidomethylation of
cysteines was searched as a fixed modification. TMT labeling was set to lysine residues and N-
terminal amino groups, and corresponding batch-specific isotopic correction factors were
accounted for. The FDR for peptide, protein, and site identification was set to 1%, and the minimum
peptide length was set to 6. To transfer identifications across different runs, the 'match between
runs' option in MaxQuant was disabled. Only precursors with minimum precursor ion fraction (PIF)
of 75% were used for protein quantification. Match between runs option was enabled and RAW
TMT reporter ion intensities of peptide features were used for subsequent data analysis in
MSstatsTMT[124]. Subsequent data analysis was performed in either Perseus[125] or R for statistical
computing and graphics.
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The log2-transformed normalized protein levels were fitted by aneuploidy degrees of hCEC clones
with a linear model as the following formula:
$$protein\ log2FC \sim \beta_0 + \beta_1 \times aneuploidy\ score$$
The t-value of aneuploidy coefficient β_1 was used to represent the association between protein
level and aneuploidy degree, as shown in Fig. 2G. A positive (negative) t-value represented the
protein expression of the certain gene increased (decreased) in hCEC clones with higher degree of
aneuploidy.
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Analysis of published proteome data

The proteome changes of the aneuploid clones, generated via MMCT, compared to their near-
diploid controls, were obtained from supplementary table 1 of Stingele et al., 2012[31]. To compare
the protein levels of these clones, stable isotope labeling with amino acids in cell culture (SILAC)
was used, followed by high-resolution mass spectrometry and quantified the proteome to a depth
of ~6000 proteins. This data was used in Fig. 2I and Fig. S2I. The proteome data of CCLE cancer
cell lines were obtained from Depmap portal[118,119] (Expression public 21Q4), which was used in Fig.
4B-C.

Resistance of cancer cell lines to olaparib
The data of cancer cell sensitivity to the PARP1 inhibitor Olaparib were obtained from Depmap
portal. The following three independent drug screening datasets were used: PRISM repurposing
primary screen[126] (olaparib ID: BRD-BRD-K02113016-001-15-4, n = 547 cell lines), GDSC dataset[127]
(olaparib ID: GDSC21017, n = 506 cell lines) and CTD2 dataset[128] (olaparib ID: CTRP411867, n = 756
cell lines). For the PRISM dataset, the drug effect log2FC data was downloaded, while the AUC
values of olaparib in the GDSC and CTD2 datasets were used. The Z-values of these values (Log2FC
or ACU) in each dataset were calculated and used to generate the box plot in Fig. S6B. A higher Z-
value represents an increased level of resistance to olaparib.

Patients' survival analysis using TCGA
The TCGA survival data of COREAD patients was downloaded from the Human Protein Atlas. Based
on the FPKM value of PARP1, patients were classified into two expression groups (PARP1-Low and
PARP1-High) to yield maximal difference with regard to survival between the two groups at the
lowest log-rank p-value (n = 124 patients with low PARP1 and n = 473 patients with high PARP1).
The prognosis of each group of patients was examined by Kaplan-Meier survival estimators, and
the survival outcomes of the two groups were compared by log-rank tests.

Knockdown, knockout, and overexpression
The PARP1 overexpression and PARP1, GPX1, CAT knockdown plasmids, along with their
respective controls, were used to generate lentivirus with packaging and envelope plasmids. hCECs
and COREAD cancer cells were transduced with the lentivirus, followed by selection using
puromycin (1.5 μg/mL for hCECs and 3 μg/mL for COREAD cancer cells with shRNA) or
blastomycin (10 μg/ml for hCECs and COREAD cancer cells with pHAGE-CMV-blast) until the
uninfected control cells died. For the co-expression of the shRNA targeting the 3'-UTR region of
PARP1 transcripts and shRNA-resistant PARP1 cDNA, the PARP1-overexpressing cells were
transduced with shPARP1-1, followed by puromycin selection. To get rid of unspecific impacts of
lentiviral infection and selection, all cells in Fig. 3G, including those lacking shPARP1-1 or PARP1
OE, and those exclusively expressing shPARP1-1 or PARP1 OE, were additionally infected with the
control virus for a total of two rounds of infection and selection. For example, the cells without

shPARP1-1 or PARP1 OE were subsequently infected and selected for pHAGE-EV and shNC. The
effects of PARP1 overexpression and knockdown were confirmed using western blot. To achieve
physiological levels of PARP1 expression, TP53WT or TP53KO hCECs were transduced with a
lentiviral Tet-On system for doxycycline-inducible PARP1. Following hygromycin selection, cells
were treated with 1 μg/mL doxycycline for 1-2 days to induce PARP1 expression before validation
by Western blot or assessment of H2O2 sensitivity. To establish stable co-expression of PARP1
and TIMELESS in hCEC A29 clones, cells were first transduced with pHAGE-PARP1-puro or pHAGE-
EV-puro lentivirus and selected with puromycin. The stable cells were then transduced with pHAGE-
TIMELESS-blast or pHAGE-EV-blast lentivirus, followed by blasticidin selection. For CEBPB
overexpression, cells were transduced with lentivirus generated from pBABE-puro LAP2 (Addgene
#15712) or pBABE-puro empty vector. For NRF2, PARP1, PARP2, and MIF knockout, lentiviral
particles were produced by co-transfecting HEK293T cells with LentiCRISPR-V2-FE-puro plasmids
carrying target-specific sgRNAs or non-targeting control (sgNC), along with lentiviral packaging and
envelope plasmids. Target cells were transduced with the lentivirus and selected with puromycin.
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Cancer cells expressing luciferase and GFP or mCherry
For the comparison of ROS sensitivity of near-diploid and high-aneuploidy colon cancer cell lines
using the multicolor competition assay, as well as the observation of intravenously injected cancer
cells in living mice (see below), we lentivirally transduced two near-diploid colon cancer cells (DLD1
and HCT116) and one high-aneuploid colon cancer cells (HT29) with either pCDH-EF1a-eFFly-eGFP
(Addgene, 104834) or pCDH-EF1a-eFFly-mCherry (Addgene, 104833). After infection, the GFP-
positive or mCherry-positive cells were sorted using flow cytometry-based cell sorting (FACS) on
the SONY SH800 cell sorter with a 130 μm sorting chip.
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Multicolor competition assay
To investigate the impact of PARP1 knockdown or overexpression on the sensitivity of colon cell
lines to H_2O_2, control cancer cells, labeled with either GFP or mCherry, were mixed with PARP1-
knockdown or PARP1-overexpressing cells labeled with the complementary fluorescent marker
(i.e., mCherry or GFP) in equal cell numbers. The six combinations examined were as follows:
HCT116-GFP with shNC and HCT116-mCherry with shPARP1-1, HCT116-mCherry with shNC and
HCT116-GFP with shPARP1-1, DLD1-GFP with shNC and DLD1-mCherry with shPARP1-1, DLD1-
mCherry with shNC and DLD1-GFP with shPARP1-1, HT29-GFP with pHAGE-EV and HT29-mCherry
with pHAGE-PARP1, HT29-mCherry with pHAGE-EV and HT29-mCherry with pHAGE-PARP1. The
mixed cells were cultured in the regular medium, with and without the addition of 2mM H_2O_2, for a
24-hour incubation period. Then the ratios of GFP-labeled and mCherry-labeled cells within each
combination were quantified using flow cytometry (SONY, SA3800). To assess the impact of H_2O_2
treatment, these ratios were normalized to those obtained from control groups that were not
exposed to H_2O_2.

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Assessing metastatic potential through in vivo assay

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1476 The animal procedures were approved by the New York University Grossman School of Medicine's

1477 Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC). All the procedures are conducted in facilities

1478 approved by the Association for Assessment and Accreditation of Laboratory Animal Care

1479 International (AAALAC).

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To assess dissemination potential, luciferase-expressing human colon cancer cells (DLD1 and

HCT116 with shNC or shPARP1-1, HT29-EV, and SW498) were intravenously injected into

immunodeficient NOD.Cg-Prkdc^{scid} Il2rg^{tm1Wjl}/SzJ (NSG) mice. For immune-competent studies,

luciferase-expressing KaryoCreate-induced aneuploid mouse KP lung cancer cells (sgMinSat5)

with empty expression or PARP1 overexpression vectors were injected into B6 Albino mice. Tumor

progression was monitored by bioluminescence imaging every two weeks until the pre-established

endpoint.

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For the intravenous injection, cancer cells were collected through trypsinization, followed by two

washes with cold PBS and suspension in cold PBS at a concentration of 1,000,000 cells/mL. Then

200,000 cancer cells in 200 µL PBS were intravenously injected (via tail vein) into female NSG or B6

Albino mice aged 7-9 weeks, using a 1 mL syringe with a 30G, 0.3 x 13mm needle. Each type of

cancer cell was introduced into at least five mice. Continuous monitoring of the mice's condition

was performed throughout the procedures and up to 1-2 hours after the injection.

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For in vivo bioluminescence imaging, the mice were anesthetized via inhalation with the oxygen

level regulator set between 1-2 L/min and the isoflurane vaporizer set at 2.5-5% for induction and

1.5–3% for maintenance. The D-luciferin substrate (150 mg/kg) was administered to mice via

intravitreal injection using a 0.5 mL insulin syringe, 28 G needle. Then the imaging was performed

using a bioluminescence imaging (BLI) scanner (IVIS Lumina XRMS In Vivo Imaging System). For

data analysis, regions of positive signal were defined for each mouse while carefully excluding the

ears and nose. The total luminescent flux (p/sec) within the regions of positive signal was

quantified and normalized to the initial levels immediately following intravenous injection. For mice

which reached the pre-established endpoint in the middle of the observation window (10 weeks),

they are labeled by crosses in the figure and their last total flux signals were used for statistical

analysis for the later time points.

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To compare tumor growth between aneuploidy states in immune-competent environments, KP

lung cancer cells were transduced with sgMinSat5 (high-aneuploidy) or sgRosa26 (low-aneuploidy)

KaryoCreate vectors. Cells were harvested at subconfluency, washed with PBS, and resuspended

at 1×10^6 cells/mL. Each mouse received 2×10^5 cells via tail vein injection. Tumor volumes were

quantified using MRI. For MRI quantification, mice were anesthetized with isoflurane, and lung
fields were scanned using a BioSpec USR70/30 horizontal bore system (Bruker) to obtain 16
consecutive sections. MRI signal acquisition was gated to cardiac and respiratory cycles to
minimize motion artifacts. Whole lung tumor volumes were quantified from volumetric
measurements using 3D Slicer software.
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Fluorescence-activated cell sorting based on PARP1 levels
To sort cells based on their PARP1 expression levels, 60,000,000 cells were collected through
trypsinization, followed by a wash with cold PBS and fixation with 10 mL of 2% paraformaldehyde
solution in PBS for 7 minutes at room temperature. After a wash with cold PBS, the cells were
suspended in 10 mL of 90% cold methanol and incubated for 10 minutes at 4℃. Then the cells were
washed with 10 mL of cold 1% BSA in PBS and blocked with 10 mL of 3% BSA in PBS for 45 minutes
at 4°C in the dark. Subsequently, the cells were incubated with 6 mL of CoraLite 488-conjugated
PARP1 monoclonal antibody (Proteintech, CL488-66520) at a concentration of 2 µg/mL in 1% BSA
in PBS for 60 minutes at 4°C in the dark. Then the cells were washed three times with cold 1% BSA
in PBS and resuspended in cold 1% BSA in PBS at a concentration of 5,000,000 cells/mL for sorting.
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For the fluorescence-activated cell sorting, the SONY SH800 cell sorter with a 100 µm sorting chip
was used. After excluding debris (gate 1: X-axis: FSC-A, Y-axis: BSC-A) and doublets (gate 2: X-axis:
FSC-A, Y-axis: FSC-H), two gates above and below the diagonal line of the main populations on the
plot of PARP1 intensity (FITC-A) versus cell size (BSC-A), representing PARP1-low and PARP1-high
populations, respectively, were chosen, with each selected population comprising ~10% of the total
cell count. After collection of the PARP1-low and PARP1-high cells, they were centrifuged to remove
the supernatant. The cell pellets were stored at -80°C.
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Genome-wide CRISPR screen
To unbiasedly identify genes that modulate PARP1 expression, we conducted two independent,
fluorescence-activated cell sorting (FACS)-based genome-wide CRISPR screens. The cellular level
of PARP1 served as the readout in these screens. The sensitivity of PARP1 antibody was validated
using PARP1-overexpressed cells, PARP1-knockdown cells, and hCEC clones with known different
levels of PARP1 expression. For each screen replicate, 60,000,000 hCEC cells were infected with a
library of lentiviruses harboring 94,335 sgRNAs targeting 19,026 protein-coding human genes at a
multiplicity of infection (MOI) lower than 1 (maintaining a representation ~450 per gRNA). After
puromycin selection and a brief expansion, the cells were divided into two or three technical
replicates (60,000,000 cells for each technical replicates), fixed and immunostained with the
fluorophore-conjugated PARP1 antibody, and sorted based on PARP1 protein expression levels
(see above). The sorting process resulted in approximately 4 million cells per group (two groups:
PARP1-high or PARP1-low) in each technical replicate (two or three technical replicates for each

biological replicate, two biological replicates in total), accounting for approximately 10% of all cells.
To ensure that the FACS-based readout of PARP1 level was highly specific and sensitive, we
validated the antibody using PARP1-overexpressed cells, PARP1-knockdown cells, and hCEC
clones with known different levels of PARP1 expression (Fig. 5B).

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The genomic DNA was then extracted from the sorted cells with low or high PARP1, and the
unsorted cells as control. The following procedure shared by Neville Sanjana Lab was used for
genomic DNA extraction from 40,000,000 cells. For different amounts of cells, the quantities were
scaled proportionally. In a 15 mL conical tube, 6 mL of NK Lysis Buffer (50 mM Tris, 50 mM EDTA,
1% SDS, pH 8) and 30 μL of 20 mg/mL Proteinase K (Qiagen, 19131) were added to the cell sample
and incubated at 55 °C for 24 hours. Then 30 μL of 10 mg/mL RNAse A (Qiagen, 19101) was added
to the lysed sample, which was then inverted 25 times and incubated at 37 °C for 30 minutes.
Samples were cooled on ice before addition of 2 mL of pre-chilled 7.5 M ammonium acetate
(Sigma-Aldrich, A1542) to precipitate proteins. subsequently, the samples were vortexed at high
speed for 20 seconds and then centrifuged at ≥ 4,000 x g for 10 minutes. After the spin, a tight
pellet was visible in each tube and the supernatant was carefully decanted into a new 15 mL conical
tube. Then 6 mL of 100% isopropanol was added to the tube, inverted 50 times and centrifuged at
≥4,000 x g for 10 minutes. Genomic DNA was visible as a small white pellet in each tube. The
supernatant was discarded, 6 mL of freshly prepared 70% ethanol was added, the tube was inverted
10 times, and then centrifuged at ≥4,000 x g for 1 minute. The supernatant was discarded by
pouring; the tube was briefly spun, and remaining ethanol was removed using a P200 pipette. After
air drying for 10-30 minutes, the DNA changed appearance from a milky white pellet to slightly
translucent. At this stage, 500 μL of TE buffer was added, the tube was incubated at 65 °C for 1
hour and at room temperature overnight to fully resuspend the DNA. The next day, the gDNA
samples were vortexed briefly. The gDNA concentration was measured using a Nanodrop (Thermo
Scientific).

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The DNA of sgRNAs was extracted from the genomic DNA using a 26-cycle PCR reaction. Each
PCR reaction consisted of 4 μg genomic DNA, 0.5 μM primers and 1 unit of Q5 DNA polymerase
(NEB, M0491L) in a 100 μL PCR reaction volume. All extracted genomic DNA from the sorted cells
and the same amount of genomic DNA from the unsorted cells were used for this round of PCR.
Then all the PCR products from the same sample were pooled together, and 100 μL of PCR product
for each sample was gel purified and eluted in 35 μL of the elution buffer. The concentration of the
purified PCR product was determined using the Qubit dsDNA quantification assay kit (Thermo
Scientific, Q32854), and 400 ng of the purified PCR products were used in a 5-cycle PCR reaction
to add adaptors. Next, 5 μL of PCR product for each sample was used in a 7-cycle PCR reaction to
introduce the standard Illumina sequencing primers and unique sample barcodes. The
concentrations of PCR products were determined by analyzing the band intensities after gel

electrophoresis. Equimolar PCR products from the sorted samples and two-fold PCR products
from the control samples were mixed together, followed by the gel electrophoresis purification
using the Nucleospin Gel and PCR Clean-UP kit. The sequence of all the primers is included in Table
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The prepared library was sequenced on an Illumina NextSeq 500 in single-end mode (1 X 75 cycles).
Approximately 10 million reads were obtained for each sorted sample and about 20 million reads
were obtained for each control sample. The raw reads were trimmed using cutadapt [129] with the
adaptor sequence ACGAAACACC. Subsequently, the trimmed reads were processed to generate a
count table using the count function of the MAGeCK package [130] and calculate the enrichment
scores (MAGeCK values) at the gene level using the mle function of the MAGeCK package. The
sgRNAs targeting positive regulators of PARP1 expression (PARP1 activators) were enriched in the
PARP1-low cells compared to the unsorted cells, while sgRNAs targeting negative regulators of
PARP1 expression (PARP1 suppressors) were enriched in the PARP1-high cells. To plot the relation
of MAGeCK scores in the PARP1-low and these in the PARP1-high population (Fig. 5C), genes
exclusively enriched in the PARP1-high population (the 2nd quadrant) and in the PARP1-low
population (the 4th quadrant) are depicted in red and green, respectively. The intensity of the dots
represents gene-level FDR-adjusted p-values within their respective populations (-Log10). For
genes located in the other two quadrants, their p-values were set to one.
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Enrichment analysis using Ingenuity Pathway Analysis (IPA)
The CRISPR screen identified 269 PARP1 activators (genes whose knockout decreased PARP1
expression) and 155 PARP1 suppressors (genes whose knockout increased PARP1 expression)
using a false discovery rate (FDR) cutoff of < 0.1 and a MAGeCK beta value cutoff of > 0.5. The two
sets of the filtered genes were used as the input for the pathway analysis performed using QIAGEN
IPA (Expression analysis of the IPA core analysis with the measurement type being expr other).
Enriched pathways with B-H p-values smaller than 0.1 are shown.
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To identify the genes whose expression change in aneuploid cells may contribute to PARP1
downregulation, we searched for the PARP1 activators downregulated in aneuploid cells and the
PARP1 suppressors upregulated in aneuploid cells (referred to as aneuploid-associated PARP1
regulators). For the MPS1i-induced aneuploid cells, RNA log2FC was used, while the t-values of
aneuploidy coefficient was used for hCEC clones (see above). Genes with an FDR larger than 0.1
or the absolute Z-scores ≤ 0.5 were considered unchanged. Only the genes that exhibited expected
expression changes in at least two aneuploidy models, without conflicted changes in different
models were considered as aneuploid-associated PARP1 regulators, which were used as the input
for the pathway analysis as described above.
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Identification of potential PARP1 regulators contributing to its downregulation in aneuploid cells

Decreased PARP1 RNA in aneuploid cells and cells with lysosomal dysfunction suggested altered PARP1 transcription. We aimed to identify transcription factors (TFs) responsible for PARP1 transcriptional dysregulation in these settings. We integrated our PARP1 CRISPR screen results with TF databases[59–61] to identify PARP1-regulating TFs. We used three published databases: the GeneHancer database from GeneCards, TFLink, and AnimalTFDB[59–61]. All potential PARP1 TFs from these databases were merged for further analysis.

The TFs were filtered based on our PARP1 screen results into two groups: TFs promoting PARP1 expression (promoters, enriched in PARP1-low cells or depleted in PARP1-high cells, $p<0.05$) and TFs suppressing PARP1 expression (suppressors, depleted in PARP1-low cells or enriched in PARP1-high cells, $p<0.05$). We then examined TF expression changes in aneuploid and lysosome-dysfunction cells, identifying downregulated promoters and upregulated suppressors ($p<0.05$). This analysis identified CEBPB as a potential PARP1 suppressor, showing consistent upregulation across aneuploid and lysosome-dysfunction models.

ENCODE CEBPB ChIP-Seq data

The CEBPB ChIP-Seq data (bigWig files for signal p-values and bigBed narrowPeak files for IDR thresholded peaks) for A549 cells treated with or without CEBPB agonist dexamethasone (1 hour) were downloaded from ENCODE database (ENCSR625DZB). The signal p-values and IDR thresholded peaks near PARP1 TSS were visualized using IGV software (V2.17.4).

cGAMP detection

We quantified cGAMP in conditioned media from D23, D29, A20, and A21 hCEC clones using an immunoassay kit (Arbor Assays, Michigan, USA). Standard curves were generated using the kit's recombinant cGAMP standard. 1×10^6 cells were plated, and positive controls were transfected with 1 µg cGAS agonist G3-YSD (InvivoGen, San Diego, CA) using Lipofectamine 2000. Conditioned media were collected 48 hours after seeding. Samples (50 µL conditioned medium), standards, and positive controls were added to pre-coated assay plates. Detect X 2',3'-cGAMP conjugate and antibody (25 µL each) were added to sample wells and incubated with rotation for 2 hours at room temperature. Wells were washed three times with 1X wash buffer. TMB substrate (100 µL) was added and incubated for 30 minutes at room temperature in darkness. Stop solution (50 µL) was added, and absorbance was measured at 450 nm using a plate reader.

Analysis of published scRNA-Seq and CRISPRa Perturb-Seq data

The raw unique molecular identifier (UMI) counts, cellular annotations, and inferred copy number alterations (CNVs) for GSE178341 were obtained from the Curated Cancer Cell Atlas (https://www.weizmann.ac.il/sites/3CA/)[131,132]. To ensure high-quality scRNA-seq data, we applied

1664 rigorous quality control (QC) criteria: first, cells with fewer than 500 or more than 8000 detected
1665 genes were removed to eliminate low-quality and potential multiplet cells. Second, cells with
1666 mitochondrial gene content exceeding 20% were excluded, as high mitochondrial RNA expression
1667 is often indicative of apoptotic or stressed cells. Third, malignant cells were subset for downstream
1668 analysis to focus on tumor-specific transcriptomic and genomic alterations.
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Data preprocessing was conducted using Seurat v4 in R[133]. SCTransform v1 was applied to
normalize raw UMI counts[134]. Harmony was used to correct batch effects across samples, ensuring
effective dataset integration while maintaining cellular identity[135]. The average inferred CNV signal
across chromosomes was computed to estimate chromosomal instability. Aneuploidy Score (AS)
was calculated based on the defined formula for quantifying genomic instability[11]. To investigate
the functional relevance of lysosomal activity in malignant cells: the KEGG lysosome gene set
(MSigDB, M11266) was used to compute the Seurat module score.
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Due to the zero-inflation characteristic of scRNA-seq data, additional filtering was applied before
performing correlation analysis and UMAP Visualization: Cells with a combined expression of
PARP1 and CEBPB below 4 were excluded from correlation and UMAP analyses to improve signal
reliability. In the correlation analysis, log1p transformation is applied on SCTransform corrected
UMI counts of CEBPB and PARP1, and Pearson correlation is applied to reveal the negative
correlation. UMAP projections were aestheticized using Kernel Density Estimation (KDE), showing
cells above the threshold on gene expression, lysosome module score (top 30% of all malignant
cells) and aneuploidy score (>5), with density weights based on gene expression, aneuploidy score,
and lysosome module score, improving interpretability in visualizations.
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1688 The CRISPRa Perturb-Seq data relevant to cells with CEBPB activation and non-targeting control
1689 was provided by Dr. Thomas Norman. The CEBPB and PARP1 read counts after total UMI count
1690 normalization were used in Fig. 6I (left panel). The PARP1 expression z-scores relative to
1691 expression levels in control cells were used in Fig. 6I (right panel).
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1693 **Replicates and statistical analyses**
1694 For each experiment we reported the sample size, the number of replicates and the statistical
1695 methods in the figure legends. All statistical analyses are two-sided. The test statistics with
1696 confidence intervals, effect sizes, degrees of freedom and P value are detailed in Table 6.
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1698 **Material Resource**
1699 The source and identifier for all materials used in this study are listed in Table 6.
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1701 **Code availability**

1702   The code used to generate and/or analyze the data is available upon request.

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1704   **Data availability**

1705   All datasets are available within the article and its supplementary information, or from the

1706   corresponding Author upon request.

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Figure 1

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(**A**) Generation of acute and chronic aneuploidy models via transient MPS1 inhibition and
subsequent single-cell clone expansion, respectively. (**B**) Comparison of DNA content in diploid and
aneuploid hCECs with wild-type TP53 or TP53 knockout. Western blot shows TP53 status (left);
flow cytometry histograms of propidium iodide (PI) staining after 24-30h MPS1 inhibitor treatment
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ANOVA with Tukey's test (right panel). ns, $p > 0.05$; *$p < 0.05$; **$p < 0.01$; ***$p < 0.001$; ****$p < 0.0001$.
Scale bar, 50 µm.

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Figure 2. PARP1, which is required for ROS-induced cell death, is suppressed in aneuploid cells

(**A**) DNA damage assessment by alkaline comet assay in diploid and aneuploid hCECs with H₂O₂

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of relative DNA content in comet tails. Medians with 95% CI from representative experiment of ≥2.

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copies of chromosome 5), RPE1-21/3 (three copies of chromosome 21), RPE1-5/3-12/3 (three

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bar, 50 µm.

Figure 3

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Figure 3. Cell death and DNA repair mediated by PARP1 are suppressed in aneuploid cells by

PARP1 downregulation

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Figure 4. PARP1 suppression promotes metastasis of aneuploid colorectal cancer cells

(**A**) Western blot of PARP1 protein levels in near-diploid (HCT116 and DLD1, blue) and high-aneuploidy (HT29, SW948, SW403, and SK-CO-1, red) colon cancer cell lines. n≥3, mean±SD, One-way ANOVA with Tukey's test. (**B**) SCNA-normalized PARP1 RNA levels (left, n=942) and protein levels (right, n=365) in pan-cancer cell lines with different aneuploidy degrees. Mean ± SD. One-way ANOVA with Tukey's test. (**C**) SCNA-normalized PARP1 RNA levels (left, n=54) and protein levels (right, n=29) in colon cancer cell lines with different aneuploidy degrees. Boxplots show median with first/third quartiles. Kruskal-Wallis test, followed by one-tailed t-test comparing low vs high aneuploidy groups. (**D**) PARP1 protein levels in high-aneuploidy HT29 cells with and without PARP1 overexpression. (**E**) Relative viability of HT29-mCherry-EV to HT29-GFP-PARP1 when co-cultured together, with and without 2 mM H_2O_2 treatment for 24 hours. Mean ± SD of 4 replicates from representative experiment of ≥2. Unpaired t-test. (**F**) PARP1 protein levels in near-diploid HCT116 and DLD1 cells with and without PARP1 knockdown. (**G**) The relative cell number ratio of DLD1-mCherry-shNC (or HCT116-mCherry-shNC) to DLD1-GFP-shPARP1 (or HCT116-GFP-shPARP1) when co-cultured together, with and without 2 mM H_2O_2 treatment for 24 hours. Mean ± SD of 4 replicates from representative experiment of ≥2. Unpaired t-test. (**H-I**) Left: representative bioluminescence images (BLI) of NSG mice with near-diploid DLD1 or HCT116 expressing control or PARP1 shRNA. Quantification of the total flux signal over time (middle) and maximum values (right) (n=5 mice/group). Mean ± SD. Two-tailed Mann-Whitney test. Crosses indicate endpoints. (**J**) Left: representative BLI of immune-intact mice (B6 Albino mice) with aneuploid mouse KP lung cancer cells (transduced with sgMinSat5) overexpressing empty or PARP1 cDNA. Right: quantification of the maximum total flux signal (n=5 mice/group). Mean + SD. One-tailed Mann-Whitney test. (**K**) PARP1 RNA levels in TCGA COREAD patients without PARP1 SCNA (absolute SCNA value < 0.05). n=352. Mean ± SD. One-way ANOVA with Tukey's test. (**L**) Kaplan-Meier survival analysis of TCGA COREAD patients stratified by PARP1 expression. Log-rank (Mantel-Cox) test. PARP1 expression threshold was optimized for statistical significance. (**M**) PARP1 RNA levels in primary COREAD tumors and their paired metastases (n=15 patients, GSE131418). One Sample Wilcoxon signed-rank test. (**N**) PARP1 RNA levels in unpaired primary tumors versus metastases of COREAD patients: discovery cohort (MCC dataset with 333 primary tumors and 184 metastases) and validation cohort (Consortium dataset with 545 primary tumors and 72 metastases) from GSE131418. Mean ± SD. Unpaired t-test. ns, p>0.05; *p<0.05; **p<0.01; ***p<0.001; ****p<0.0001.

Figure 5

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Figure 5. Genome-wide CRISPR screen reveals lysosomal stress as a mediator of PARP1
downregulation in aneuploid cells

(**A**) Workflow of FACS-based whole-genome CRISPR screen to identify regulators of PARP1
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followed by H_2O_2 treatment (200 μM, 24 h). Mean ± SD of 9 fields from representative experiment
of ≥2. Unpaired t-test. (**K**) Viability after H_2O_2 treatment in hCECs with or without Baf A1 pre-
treatment or PARP1 overexpression. Mean ± SD of 9 fields from representative experiment of ≥2.
One-way ANOVA with Tukey's test. ns, p>0.05; *p<0.05; **p<0.01; ***p<0.001;****p<0.0001.

 Figure 6. Aneuploidy-activated CEBPB transcription factor suppresses PARP1

(**A**) Transcription factors (TFs) regulating PARP1 expression. Top: Strategy to identify transcription factors (TFs) regulating PARP1 expression in aneuploid cells, which integrates PARP1 CRISPR screen results, TF databases, and expression profiles of aneuploid and lysosome-deficient cells. Bottom: Heatmap showing PARP1-promoting TFs (enriched in PARP1-low samples or depleted in PARP1-high samples) and PARP1-suppressing TFs (enriched in PARP1-high samples or depleted in PARP1-low samples), along with expression changes of these TFs across lysosome-deficient and aneuploid models. Purple/green: enriched/depleted in CRISPR screen, red/blue: upregulation/downregulation. $p < 0.05$. (**B**) CEBPB ChIP-Seq data (ENCODE) showing binding near the PARP1 transcription start site. Top: genomic location; bottom: ChIP-Seq signal p-value (blue) and IDR thresholded peaks (red). (**C**) CEBPB RNA and protein levels in acute aneuploidy models. Mean ± SD. n=2-24. One-way ANOVA with Dunnett's test (hCEC) or unpaired t-test (RPE1, RPE1-TP53KO and HCT116). (**D**) Nuclear CEBPB signal in hCECs with acute and chronic aneuploidy. Left: representative immunofluorescence images of CEBPB (green), Phalloidin (red), and DAPI (blue) staining in near-diploid (D23, D29) and aneuploid (A20, A29) hCECs (scale bar, 10 μm). Right: quantification of nuclear CEBPB in near-diploid and aneuploid hCECs using the acute and chronic model. Mean ± SD, n>50 cells per condition. P-value from Two-tailed Mann-Whitney test comparing aneuploid and near-diploid cells. (**E**) CEBPB RNA (left) and protein (right) correlation with aneuploidy score in chronic aneuploid clones. Linear regression is included to fit the data. (**F**) CEBPB RNA levels in control versus Baf A1-treated cells. Mean ± SD, n= 2-3; unpaired t-test. (**G**) Normalized sgCEBPB read counts in sorted PARP1-low and PARP1-high samples compared with unsorted samples. Mean ± SD. One-way ANOVA. (**H**) PARP1 protein levels after CEBPB overexpression (OE) versus empty vector (EV) by Western Blot. Mean ± SD, n= 2-4; unpaired t-test. (**I**) CRISPR activation (CRISPRa) Perturb-Seq analysis of PARP1 regulation by CEBPB. (Left) Normalized read counts of CEBPB and PARP1 in cells with CEBPB CRISPRa using sgCEBPB-1 compared to control cells with non-targeting sgRNAs (sgNC). Mean ± SD. unpaired t-test. (Right) Heatmap showing expression z-scores of PARP1 in RPE-1 cells and Hs27 fibroblast cells following CEBPB activation across four different sgRNAs. (**J**) Single-cell RNA-seq analysis of malignant colorectal cancer cells. UMAP plots displaying cell density for cells with top 30% of CEBPB expression (upper left), top 30% of PARP1 expression (upper right), aneuploidy score >5 (lower left), and top 30% of KEGG lysosome signature score (lower right). Cell density is weighted by the respective scores. Cell populations with high CEBPB expression, high aneuploidy, and high lysosomal activity (red arrows) overlap but are distinct from populations with high PARP1 expression (blue arrows). (**K**) CEBPB and PARP1 RNA level correlation in pan-cancer cell lines (CCLE dataset). Linear regression is included to fit the data. (**L**) Viability after H_2O_2 treatment in CEBPB-OE versus EV cells (40 μM for TP53-KO hCEC, 2 mM for DLD1, 24h). Mean ± SD from 9 fields/replicate, n=2 replicates from representative experiment of ≥3. Unpaired t-test. ns, $p > 0.05$; $*p < 0.05$; $**p < 0.01$; $***p < 0.001$; $****p < 0.0001$.