PARP1 Suppression Drives ROS Resistance in Aneuploid Cancer Cells

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Highlights

- Aneuploidy 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 a critical transcription factor mediating PARP1 regulation and ROS resistance.
- Nuclear CEBPB increases significantly after aneuploidization in experimental systems and in primary human cancers.

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 models of aneuploidy, we found that aneuploidy confers remarkable resistance to reactive oxygen species (ROS)-mediated cell death. This resistance is a general consequence of aneuploidy, independent of the specific chromosomes gained or lost. Mechanistically, Poly(ADP-Ribose) Polymerase 1 (PARP1) is suppressed 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 promote tumor metastasis while increased PARP1 suppresses it. Through a genome-wide CRISPR 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 that lysosomal dysfunction serves as the upstream mediator of CEBPB activation in aneuploid cells. We propose that 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**)[5–7]. 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[8,9], yet resist certain chemotherapies through increased genomic instability and karyotype heterogeneity or through other mechanisms[10,11]. Whether certain general effects of aneuploidy can promote other cancer-associated phenotypes remains unclear[12–14]. 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. Low-level ROS contributes to tumorigenesis and cancer development while excessive ROS during tumor progression or anti-cancer therapy can trigger cell death[15,16]. It has been recently shown that oxidative stress in circulating cancer cells

inhibits metastasis[17–19]. 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[17]. Interestingly, aneuploidy levels increase with tumor progression
and metastasis[2,20]. 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[21].
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[22]. Beyond DNA repair and genome integrity maintenance, PARP1
mediates a ROS-induced cell death mechanism termed parthanatos[23]. In this process, excessive
oxidative DNA damage hyperactivates PARP1, depleting cells of the essential NAD+ and adenosine
triphosphate (ATP)[24] and triggering nuclear translocation of mitochondrial apoptosis-inducing
factor (AIF)[25], ultimately leading to cell death. Parthanatos is critical in pathophysiological
processes involving cellular stress and excessive DNA damage[23,26]. For example, during cerebral
ischemia, PARP1-mediated parthanatos causes neuronal cell death, which PARP1 inhibition can
mitigate[27]. However, the role of parthanatos in cancer is much less well understood[28].

By studying ROS resistance 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. PARP1 modulation affects metastatic potential in both diploid and
aneuploid cancer cells. Finally, we identified lysosomal dysfunction, a common feature of
aneuploidy[29,30], activates transcription factor CEBPB, consequently suppressing PARP1 and
conferring survival advantages to aneuploid cells under oxidative stress.

Results

General aneuploidy confers oxidative stress resistance in acute and chronic models of aneuploidy

To screen potential pro-tumorigenic effects of general aneuploidy (independent of specific
chromosome alterations), we developed isogenic aneuploidy models. In a model of **acute**
aneuploidy (**Fig. 1A**), immortalized human colon epithelial cells (hCECs) with wild-type (*TP53*WT)
or knockout *TP53* (*TP53*KO) were treated with *MPS1/TTK* inhibitors (reversine or AZ3146; MPS1i)
for 24-30 hours to induce chromosome missegregation[29]. Aneuploidy was confirmed by altered
DNA content (**Fig. 1B**). Karyotypes inferred from single-cell RNA sequencing (see **Methods**)
demonstrated that all chromosomes in MPS1i-treated *TP53*KO hCECs were gained or lost with
similar frequency (25% of MPS1i-treated cells for each chromosome) (**Fig. S1A**, **Table 1A**).

We next compared resistance to various cellular stresses between diploid and aneuploid
*TP53*WT hCECs (DMSO versus MPS1i) (**Fig. 1C**, **Fig. S1B**). GFP-labeled diploid and unlabeled
aneuploid hCECs were treated with drugs inducing various cellular stresses, including oxidative
stress, proteostasis stress, energy stress, DNA damage, and metabolic stress. Inhibitors of RAC1,
CDKN1A, IKBKB, and MAPKs were also 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).** Importantly,
H_2O_2 resistance was independent of *TP53* status (**Fig. 1D-E**).

To assess MPS1i off-target effects, hCECs were treated with MPS1i (or DMSO) at high
confluency, where cell division and aneuploidy formation are suppressed but potential off-target
effects remain (**Fig. S1C**). These MPS1i-treated but 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 validated this finding using other cells, including non-cancerous human
cells from different tissues (**Fig. S1D-E**). Furthermore, we explored the impact of the cell cycle state
on oxidative stress resistance. Arresting hCECs at G1 or G1/S phase (using palbociclib or
thymidine) increased ROS resistance in both diploid and aneuploid cells by 20-40%. However,
arrested aneuploid cells maintained significantly higher resistance, with ~30% greater relative
viability compared to diploid cells (**Fig. S1F**).

To examine aneuploidy effects on ROS resistance over a longer timeframe, we generated a
chronic aneuploidy model[31]. Using reversine-treated *TP53*KO hCECs, we generated 55 single-cell-
derived isogenic hCEC clones with varying aneuploidy levels, assessed by whole-genome
sequencing (**Fig. 1A, 1F**, **Table 1C**). Two representative near-diploid and four aneuploid clones (≥5
gains or losses of chromosomes or chromosome arms, with stable karyotypes) were compared
for their oxidative stress resistance (**Fig. 1F**, **Fig. S1G**). The aneuploid clones showed enhanced
resistance compared to near-diploid clones (**Fig. 1G, Fig. S1H-K**). Increased resistance to oxidative
stress was also confirmed using aneuploid clones of HCT116 (a human colon cancer cell line) and
RPE1[32] (**Fig. 1H**).

We further validated these findings by inducing aneuploidy in near-diploid mouse KP
(*Kras*[G12D] and *Trp53*[/-]) lung adenocarcinoma model[33,34] using an adapted KaryoCreate strategy
(**Fig. 1I, S1L**). Aneuploid KP cells displayed similar proliferation but ~60% higher resistance to
oxidative stress compared to near-diploid controls (**Fig. 1I**), further supporting that ROS resistance
in aneuploid cells is not caused by cell cycle alterations. Finally, in a panel of colon cancer cell lines,
high-aneuploidy lines (HT29, SW403, SW948, and SK-CO-1) (**Table 1D**) were more resistant to
oxidative stress compared to near-diploid ones (HCT116 and DLD1) with (40-110% higher viability,
Fig. 1J, **Fig. S1M**).

We also confirmed aneuploidy-induced ROS resistance using alternative ROS inducers,
supplementing the culture medium with xanthine oxidase and xanthine to produce both O_2^-

(superoxide) and H_2O_2[35] (**Fig. S1N**). 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.

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Aneuploid cells resist ROS despite antioxidant levels comparable to diploid cells
The aneuploidy-induced ROS resistance could result from heightened antioxidant defenses. NRF2
(nuclear factor erythroid 2-related factor 2) is the first-line defense against oxidative stress[17],
translocating to the nucleus upon activation to initiate antioxidant gene transcription[36]. We
examined *NRF2* activation and found that acute aneuploid hCECs showed no significant increase
in NRF2 nuclear translocation (**Fig. S2A**). Aneuploid hCEC clones even displayed slightly reduced
NRF2 nuclear translocation versus near-diploid clones. Consistently, *NRF2* knockout did not
abolish the survival advantage of aneuploid hCECs relative to diploid controls under oxidative stress
(**Fig. S2B**). Furthermore, knockdown of key antioxidant genes, *GPX1* and *CAT*, which are crucial for
direct cellular H_2O_2 elimination, did not abolish ROS resistance in aneuploid cells (**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*, *GPX1,* or *CAT*.
We then compared ROS-induced cellular damage between diploid and aneuploid hCECs
(**Fig. 2A**, **Fig. S2D-E**). Alkaline comet assay revealed that H_2O_2 exposure induced a level of DNA
damage (double and single-strand breaks) that is comparable or slightly higher in aneuploid versus
diploid hCECs **(Fig. 2A, Fig. S2D)**. This result was corroborated by the similar levels of the DNA
damage marker phosphorylated histone H2AX (Ser139; γH2AX) between diploid and aneuploid
cells after H_2O_2 (see **Fig. 3M**, **Fig. S3H-K**). Furthermore, H_2O_2 exposure resulted in similar lipid
peroxidation levels in diploid and aneuploid hCECs (**Fig. S2E**). These findings indicate that the
resistance of aneuploid cells to oxidative stress is not due to enhanced antioxidant defenses, as no
reduction in oxidative DNA or lipid damage was observed in aneuploid compared to diploid cells
following H_2O_2 exposure.

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174 **PARP1, a key mediator of ROS-induced cell death, is suppressed in aneuploid cells**
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Since no reduction in oxidative DNA or lipid damage was observed 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, necrosis, ferroptosis, and PARP1-
mediated parthanatos (olaparib). Strikingly, only olaparib significantly rescued H_2O_2-induced cell
death (**Fig. 2B-C, Fig. S2F**). This indicates that elevated oxidative stress triggers parthanatos in our
cell model.

PARP1, the molecular target of olaparib, is crucial for parthanatos: it senses DNA damage
caused by ROS or other stimuli, and in the presence of high levels of damage, it initiates parthanatos
by exhausting NAD+ and ATP or by triggering AIF nuclear translocation[24,25]. Importantly, we
observed a consistent decrease in PARP1 RNA (~40-50%) and protein (~50-60%) levels in
aneuploid cells compared to diploid controls across multiple cell line models (**Fig. 2D-E**, **Table 2A-**
B), independent of their transformation state, *TP53* status, or cell lineage. PARP1 downregulation
was also observed in previous reports on reversine-treated RPE1 cells[29], glioma cells[37], and mouse
embryos[38], while none of these studies focused on PARP1 or parthanatos. Furthermore, we probed
for PARP1 activity and observed reduced poly(ADP-ribose) (pADPr) synthesis in MPS1i-treated
aneuploid cells after H_2O_2 exposure (**Fig. S2G**). Importantly, the decline in PARP1 protein cannot be
attributed to caspase-mediated cleavage[39], as it persisted with a pan-caspase inhibitor (**Fig. S2H**).
It is important to highlight that *PARP1* is haploinsufficient[40], thus a partial change in gene dosage
can profoundly impact cell state and function.
The negative correlation between aneuploidy degree and PARP1 expression at RNA and
protein levels was also validated in the isogenic aneuploid and diploid hCEC clones (RNA:
Spearman R = -0.58, p = 0.01; protein: Spearman R = -0.49, p = 0.05; **Fig. 2F-H**, **Table 2C-D**). HCT116
clones and RPE1 clones (**Fig. 2I**, **Fig. S2I-J**), each carrying different aneuploidies, exhibited lower
PARP1, suggesting that PARP1 downregulation is independent of specific altered chromosomes.
Finally, aneuploidy-associated PARP1 downregulation was also validated using KP lung cancer
cells (**Fig. S2K**) and human colon cancer cell lines (see **Fig. 4A**). Taken together, these data suggest
that PARP1 downregulation is a common feature of aneuploid cells, regardless of *TP53* status,
altered chromosomes, cell lineage, or transformation state.
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207   **PARP1 suppression reduces aneuploid cell sensitivity to PARP1-mediated cell death induced**
208   **by ROS, alkylating agents, or UV radiation**
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While *PARP1* is considered a pro-survival gene that senses DNA damage and promotes DNA
repair[22], its hyperactivation can trigger parthanatos, the most common form of regulated necrosis
induced by DNA damage[26,41]. Given our findings of *PARP1* suppression in aneuploid cells (**Fig. 2**),
we hypothesized that this reduction contributes to their 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, an activator of PARP1-mediated cell death.
shRNA- or CRISPR-mediated *PARP1* inhibition conferred H_2O_2 resistance to near-diploid
hCEC clones, compared to control cells (**Fig. 3A-B**, **Fig. S3E-F**). Conversely, PARP1 overexpression
decreased H_2O_2 resistance in both acutely and chronically aneuploid hCECs, reducing relative
viability compared to empty vector controls (**Fig. 3C-F, Fig. S3A**). Notably, the resistance induced
by the shRNA targeting *PARP1* 3'-UTR was reversed by overexpressing shRNA-resistant *PARP1*

cDNA (**Fig. 3G**). Consistent with observations in hCECs, *PARP1* overexpression in the high-
aneuploidy colon cancer cell line (HT29) 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**). Notably, using doxycycline-inducible PARP1 expression, we
found that a 20% increase in PARP1 expression sufficiently reduced H_2O_2 resistance, decreasing
relative viability by ~20% **(Fig. 3H)**.
228   To examine additional factors that may work with PARP1 to contribute to aneuploidy-
associated oxidative stress resistance, we next investigated PARP1-associated proteins 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[42]. *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, co-overexpression of *PARP1* and *TIMELESS*
reduced H_2O_2 resistance more than overexpression of either gene alone (**Fig. 3I**, **Fig. S3D**),
suggesting TIMELESS downregulation may enhance ROS resistance induced by *PARP1*
suppression in aneuploid cells. Given the strong effect of TIMELESS overexpression on ROS
sensitivity, we investigated the necessity of *PARP1* downregulation in *TIMELESS*-mediated ROS
sensitivity. We knocked out *PARP1* in A29 cells overexpressing *TIMELESS*. Strikingly, *PARP1*
knockout completely abolished the sensitizing effect of *TIMELESS* overexpression on H_2O_2-induced
cell death (**Fig. S3L**), demonstrating that *PARP1* is the primary effector of oxidative stress
sensitivity and that *TIMELESS* acts through *PARP1* to modulate this response. While *PARP1*
catalyzes 85-95% of total cellular pADPr in response to DNA damage, *PARP2* has a similar function
and is also targeted by olaparib[43]. However, *PARP2* knockout did not protect hCECs from H_2O_2 (P
= 0.22; **Fig. S3E**), arguing against its involvement in aneuploidy resistance to parthanatos.
Macrophage migration inhibitory factor (*MIF*), a late-stage parthanatos nuclease, cleaves genomic
DNA[44]. *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).
251   Furthermore, we investigated whether mitigating NAD+ depletion, a typical consequence of
PARP1 hyperactivation[23,45], 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 (**Fig. 3J**). Finally, we applied agents other 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 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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Given the crucial role of *PARP1* in this process[22] and its downregulation in aneuploid cells, we
investigated the impact of *PARP1* suppression on DNA damage repair in aneuploid cells. We
transiently exposed isogenic near-diploid and aneuploid hCEC clones to genotoxic insults and
collected cells before (control) and after stimulation (with no observed cell death prior to collection).
DNA damage was assessed by measuring γH2AX[46] (**Fig. S3G**). Seven genotoxic agents inducing
DNA damage through distinct 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 (see **Methods**), whereas repair of
DNA damage induced by other genotoxic agents was not (**Fig. S3H-I**). After six hours of recovery
from H_2O_2 treatment, median γH2AX intensity decreased by ~40% in near-diploid clones but by only
15% (A29) or increased by 20% (A20) in 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 near-diploid clones after six hours of recovery (**Fig. S3H-**
I). This likely reflects the strong reliance on PARP1 for repairing H_2O_2- and MNNG-induced DNA
damage, whereas other agents engage multiple, less PARP1-dependent repair pathways[46] (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 resulted from altered H2AX
protein levels, as γH2AX changes were independent of total H2AX level fluctuations (**Fig. S3K**).
Additionally, the 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 does
not cause collateral γH2AX decrease[47]. 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).

PARP1 downregulation promotes tumor progression of aneuploid cancer cells
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298 Given the decreased PARP1 expression across different aneuploidy models (**Fig. 2**), we asked
299 whether the same was true in human cancer cell lines and in primary tumors with varying
300 aneuploidy levels. Western blot (WB) analysis of four high-aneuploidy (HT29, SW948, SK-CO-1,
301 SW403) and two near-diploid (HCT116, DLD1) colon cancer cell lines revealed lower PARP1
302 expression in high-aneuploidy lines (all cell lines have two copies of *PARP1* gene, **Fig. 4A**, **Table**
303 **1D**). Analysis of pan-cancer cell lines in the CCLE dataset, evenly grouped into three aneuploidy
304 levels, revealed significant aneuploidy-dependent decreases in PARP1 expression at both SCNA-
305 normalized RNA and protein levels (RNA mean log2FC = -0.3, protein mean log2FC = -0.25, high vs
306 low aneuploidy, p<0.0001, p=0.0013; **Fig. 4B**). This association extended to colorectal cancer cell
307 lines from the CCLE dataset (**Fig. 4C**).

308 Furthermore, consistent with our findings in hCECs that PARP1 expression inversely
309 correlates with cell resistance to ROS-induced death (**Fig. 3**), *PARP1* overexpression attenuated
310 ROS resistance in high-aneuploidy colon cancer cells (**Fig. 4D-E**, **Fig. S4A**), while *PARP1*
311 knockdown enhanced ROS resistance in near-diploid colon cancer cells (**Fig. 4F-G**, **Fig. S4B**). These
312 results further support our model, indicating that PARP1 expression levels critically determine
313 cancer cell sensitivity to ROS-induced cell death (**Fig. 3**).

314 Since metastasis requires cancer cells to withstand high oxidative stress during migration
315 and colonization[17–19,48], we investigated whether PARP1 levels influence dissemination potential of
316 diploid and aneuploid cancer cells. We found *PARP1* suppression enhanced dissemination
317 potential of near-diploid human colon cancer cells in immunodeficient mice (**Fig. 4H-I**). DLD1 and
318 HCT116 cells transduced with *PARP1* shRNA exhibited significantly increased bioluminescence
319 signals four or six weeks post-injection compared to controls with non-targeting shRNA,
320 respectively (n=5 mice per group; p = 0.007 for DLD1 at week 4, p = 0.03 for HCT116 at week 6; **Fig.**
321 **4H-I**). Importantly, *PARP1* knockdown did not affect cell proliferation *in vitro* (**Fig. S4C**).
322 Furthermore, we assessed the impact of PARP1 levels on murine aneuploid cancer cells in immune-
323 intact mice. We intravenously injected aneuploid mouse KP lung cancer cells (**Fig. 1I**, **Fig. S1J**) into
324 B6 Albino mice. Consistently, mouse PARP1 overexpression decreased their tumor dissemination
325 without affecting *in vitro* proliferation, with 40% of mice developing tumors in the PARP1 OE group
326 compared to 80% in empty vector controls (**Fig. 4J**, **Fig. S4D**). These data indicate that PARP1
327 downregulation may promote metastasis of aneuploid cancer cells in both immune-deficient and
328 immune-intact mice.

329 We next examined PARP1 levels in human primary tumors to determine whether it changes
330 with tumor stage and patient survival. In line with our *in vivo* findings, among TCGA colorectal
331 adenocarcinoma (COREAD) patients lacking PARP1 SCNA[49], PARP1 expression was lower in high-
332 versus low-aneuploidy tumors (**Fig. 4K**, **Table 4**), and lower PARP1 expression was associated with
333 shorter survival (**Fig. 4L**, **Table 4**). This aligns with previous studies showing that late-stage
334 COREAD tumors, typically characterized by higher aneuploidy degrees[50], exhibit lower PARP1
335 expression and activity compared to early-stage tumors[51]. Furthermore, we compared PARP1

336 levels in primary and metastatic COREAD samples and found decreased PARP1 expression in
337 metastases compared to primary tumors in both paired (p < 0.01; **Fig. 4M**) and unpaired sample
338 cohorts[52] (**Fig. 4N**, **Fig. S4E**). Altogether, these findings support a role for *PARP1* downregulation
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342 **CRISPR screen identifies lysosomal stress is a potential mediator of PARP1 downregulation in**
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Next, we investigated the mechanisms of *PARP1* regulation, 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 endogenous PARP1 levels
as the readout (**Fig. 5A-B** and **Fig. S5A**).
SgRNAs were sequenced from PARP1-low, PARP1-high, and unsorted cells. We anticipated
sgRNAs targeting putative *PARP1* activators to be enriched in PARP1-low cells compared to
unsorted cells, while sgRNAs targeting putative *PARP1* suppressors would be enriched in PARP1-
high cells. Using MAGeCK to calculate enrichment scores for each gene, we revealed a negative
correlation between gene enrichment in PARP1-low and PARP1-high populations (p < 2e-16, rho =
-0.22, **Fig. 5C**, **Table 5A**), indicating 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 (beta = 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, beta > 0.5,
Table 5B). QIAGEN Ingenuity Pathway Analysis (IPA) revealed that *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 examined how the expression of these *PARP1* activators and suppressors changes in
aneuploid compared to diploid cells (**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, was enriched in these
aneuploidy-associated PARP1 regulators (**Fig. S5E**, **Table 5F**), suggesting that lysosomal
dysregulation in aneuploid cells may cause PARP1 downregulation.
Lysosomal stress is characteristic of aneuploidy[29], with aneuploid cells showing
transcriptional profiles similar to cells treated with the lysosomal V-ATPase inhibitor bafilomycin
A1 (Baf A1)[30]. 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 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[29,53–55] revealed that lysosome inhibitor
Baf A1 treatment reduced PARP1 expression in various cell lines (Log2FC: -0.350 to -1.112, **Fig. 5I**).
Reduction in PARP1 after Baf A1 treatment was further validated by WB analysis in our hCECs (**Fig.**
S5H). Conversely, proteasome inhibition[29,56–58] did not affect PARP1 expression (p-value > 0.05, **Fig.**
S5I), highlighting the specificity of lysosome inhibition for PARP1 downregulation. Finally, Baf A1
treatment protected hCECs (both *TP53*WT and *TP53*KO) from H_2O_2-induced cell death (91-107%
increase in relative viability, **Fig. 5J**). This lysosome dysfunction-induced resistance to oxidative
stress was 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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395 **CEBPB is an aneuploidy-induced transcription factor that suppresses PARP1 expression**
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Decreased PARP1 RNA levels in cells with aneuploidy or lysosomal dysfunction (**Fig. 2**, **Fig. 5**)
suggested that these conditions may alter *PARP1* transcription. We therefore sought to identify
transcription factors (TFs) that may be responsible for *PARP1* transcriptional dysregulation in these
settings. We integrated our PARP1 CRISPR screen (**Fig. 5C**) with TF databases[59–61] to identify TFs
influencing *PARP1* expression (**Fig. 6A**). Additionally, we examined expression changes of these
TFs in aneuploid and lysosome-dysfunction cells, searching for downregulation of TFs promoting
PARP1 expression and upregulation of those suppressing *PARP1* expression (**Fig. 6A,** see
Methods). These analyses identified CEBPB as a potential suppressive TF of *PARP1*, with
consistently elevated 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**). IF analysis of hCECs showed a significant
increase in nuclear CEBPB signal in aneuploid cells compared to near-diploid cells in both the
chronic and acute aneuploidy models (**Fig. 6D**). CEBPB upregulation was also confirmed in our
transcriptomic and proteomic datasets in both acute (**Fig. 6C**) and chronic models (**Fig. 6E**).
Lysosome dysfunction induced by Baf A1 also increased CEBPB levels across multiple lines (**Fig.**
6F) and enhanced nuclear localization in hCECs with *TP53*WT or *TP53*KO (**Fig. S6A**). *CEBPB*

activation was also supported by transcription factor enrichment analysis using ChEA3 (ENCODE
dataset)[63], showing significant overlap between CEBPB target genes and highly upregulated genes
(log2FC > 1 & FDR < 0.01) in reversine-treated hCECs (ranked 3rd, FDR = 6.38E-5) and Baf A1-treated
RPE1 cells (ranked 5th, FDR = 2.98E-4) (**Table 6**). These convergent lines of evidence suggested
CEBPB activation in aneuploid and lysosome-dysfunction cells.

Given the established role of lysosomal stress in aneuploid cells[29], we sought to further
interrogate the relationship between lysosomal dysfunction and *CEBPB* activation. TFEB and TFE3
are key transcriptional regulators of lysosomal biogenesis[64]. To test whether further disrupting
autophagy by inhibiting TFEB and TFE3 would exacerbate CEBPB activation, we knocked down
TFEB or *TFE3* in diploid and aneuploid hCEC clones. Knockdown of either *TFEB* or *TFE3*
significantly increased nuclear CEBPB levels specifically in aneuploid cells (A20, A21, A29) but had
no significant effect in near-diploid cells (D23, D29) (**Fig. S6B**). This aneuploidy-specific response
suggests that further compromising autophagy in already-saturated aneuploid cells exacerbates
CEBPB activation, whereas diploid cells with intact lysosomal function are more resilient to TFEB
or TFE3 disruption. Consistent with the role of CEBPB in mediating oxidative stress resistance,
TFEB or *TFE3* knockdown significantly increased H_2O_2 resistance specifically in aneuploid clones
(A20, A21, A29), with no effect observed in near-diploid cells (D23, D29) (**Fig. S6C**). These findings
establish lysosomal dysfunction as an upstream trigger of CEBPB activation.

Our PARP1 CRISPR screen revealed enrichment of *CEBPB*-targeting sgRNAs in the PARP1-
high population and depletion in the PARP1-low population (**Fig. 6G**), suggesting CEBPB's
suppressive role in PARP1 expression. This was further corroborated by decreased PARP1 protein
upon CEBPB overexpression in various cells (**Fig. 6H**), and reduced PARP1 RNA in TCGA COREAD
tumors with *CEBPB* amplification (excluding patients with PARP1 SCNA, p < 0.01, **Fig. S6D**). In a
recent CRISPR activation (CRISPRa) Perturb-seq screen to evaluate the impact of transcription
factor activation[65], cells with *CEBPB* activation via CEBPB-targeting sgRNAs exhibited higher
CEBPB levels and lower PARP1 levels compared to control cells (**Fig. 6I**). To directly assess
whether CEBPB binds to the *PARP1* promoter, we performed chromatin immunoprecipitation
followed by quantitative PCR (ChIP-qPCR). CEBPB showed significant enrichment at the *PARP1*
promoter in cells treated with dexamethasone (*CEBPB* activator) and reversine compared to DMSO
control (**Fig. S6E**). Collectively, these results indicate that CEBPB activation suppresses PARP1
expression.

Next, we confirmed the inverse relationship between CEBPB, PARP1, aneuploidy, and
lysosomal status in human primary colorectal tumors using scRNAseq[66,67]. Cells with high CEBPB
expression exhibited high aneuploidy scores, high lysosome scores, and low PARP1 expression,
and vice versa (**Fig. 6J, Fig. S6F**), revealing that aneuploid cancer cells are associated with
lysosomal alterations, CEBPB activation and low PARP1 expression. Consistently, we observed
strong inverse correlations between CEBPB and PARP1 RNA levels across pan-cancer cell lines
(**Fig. 6K**) and COREAD tumors (**Fig. S6G**). These associations across our models and human

datasets, combined with the functional validation of *CEBPB* knockout or overexpression on PARP1
expression (**Fig. 6G-6I**), support CEBPB's role as a suppressive TF of *PARP1*. In addition, CEBPB
overexpression also conferred resistance to oxidative stress-induced cell death (**Fig. 6L**), mirroring
phenotypes observed in aneuploid, PARP1-downregulated, and lysosome-dysfunction cells.
Overall, our data establish CEBPB as a critical TF activated in aneuploid and lysosome-deficient
cells, suppressing PARP1 expression and contributing to oxidative stress resistance.
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Discussion

In this study, we discovered that aneuploid cells resist ROS-induced cell death more than diploid
cells (**Fig. 1, 2**). Mechanistically, *PARP1* is suppressed across 15 aneuploidy models (**Fig. 2**), and
this suppression confers resistance to 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 cancer progression. Accordingly, we found that PARP1 levels inversely correlate
with metastatic potential in cancer models and human patients (**Fig. 4**). Through comprehensive
screening, we identified lysosomal stress and subsequent CEBPB activation as potential mediators
of PARP1 suppression in aneuploid cells (**Fig. 5-6**, **Fig. S6A-H**).
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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[68], contrasting with our findings in mammalian cells. In our model,
aneuploid cell resistance to oxidative stress is not mediated by increased ROS-buffering capacity
but by reduced sensitivity to ROS-induced cell death through PARP1 suppression (**Fig. 2-3**).
Notably, *Saccharomyces Cerevisiae* lacks PARPs and PARP-like proteins[69], which may explain the
difference. Previous studies using *Drosophila* and mouse models with persistent chromosome
instability (CIN) reported increased intracellular ROS[70,71]. Our chromosomally stable aneuploid cells
showed no significant increase in ROS levels, oxidative damage, or NRF2 activation (**Fig. 2 and S2**).
The discrepancy may reflect species-specific effects or differences between stable aneuploidy and
ongoing CIN.
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PARP1 suppression in aneuploid cells is associated with CEBPB

PARP1 suppression in aneuploid cells does not result from cell cycle dysregulation. PARP1
downregulation occurs in both *TP53*WT and *TP53*KO aneuploid cells (**Fig. 2**), despite p53-
dependent G1 arrest[72,73]. Additionally, aneuploid cells generated by different methods show PARP1
downregulation (**Fig. 2I, Fig. S2I-K**), while maintaining cell cycle profiles[74–76] and proliferation rates
similar to their diploid counterparts (**Fig. 1I, Fig. 4A**)

Our CRISPR screen identified PARP1 expression regulators, providing a valuable resource
for PARP1 research. Integration with RNAseq data suggested that alterations in the **autophagy-**
lysosome pathway (**Fig. S5E**), particularly lysosomal V-ATPase genes (**Fig. S5F**), may contribute
to PARP1 downregulation in aneuploid cells. Lysosomal stress is a common feature in aneuploid
cells (**Fig. 5F-H**)[29,30]. We demonstrated that lysosome inhibition induces PARP1 downregulation
(**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 both aneuploidization and lysosome dysfunction lead to
increased nuclear CEBPB levels (**Fig. 6**). Genetic experiments on CEBPB support its critical role as
a transcriptional factor mediating PARP1 expression and ROS resistance in aneuploid cells.
Existing evidence supports a potential connection between aneuploidy and CEBPB, possibly via
proteotoxicity. Studies have demonstrated that autophagy activation or deficiency activates
CEBPB[77–80]. Aneuploidy is known to induce proteotoxicity, which activates autophagy through
transcription factor EB (TFEB)[29]. Excessive proteotoxic stress impairs autophagic flux and
lysosome function. Consistently, we found that further compromising autophagy through *TFEB* or
TFE3 knockdown exacerbated CEBPB activation and enhanced ROS resistance in aneuploid cells,
while having no effect on diploid cells with intact lysosomal function. Therefore, we propose that
lysosome dysfunction in aneuploid cells may activate CEBPB through proteotoxicity, leading to
PARP1 repression and parthanatos resistance.
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PARP1 suppression and implications for cell death, DNA repair, metastasis and cancer
treatment
Parthanatos, i.e. PARP1-mediated cell death, occurs after toxic insults that cause excessive
oxidative DNA damage[23,81] but remains poorly understood in cancer[28]. PARP1 inhibition or
downregulation has shown cytoprotective effects in various non-cancerous conditions[41,82–86]. Our
results demonstrate that modulating PARP1 levels in diploid or aneuploid cells directly affects their
resistance to parthanatos induced by cancer-related DNA damaging insults, such as ROS, DNA
alkylation, and UV radiation (**Fig. 3**). These findings may explain previous observations of
aneuploidy-induced resistance to certain chemotherapy and radiation therapy[10,11,87–89].
PARP1 downregulation also impairs repair of oxidative and alkylating DNA damage in
aneuploid cells (**Fig. 3M, Fig. S3J-K**), consistent with earlier research showing PARP1 depletion
reduces SSB repair rates[90]. Aneuploid cells did not exhibit impaired repair of DNA damage induced
by certain agents that may induce multiple DNA damage repair mechanisms with less dependency
on PARP1. The apparently paradoxical survival advantage despite impaired DNA repair may be
explained by PARP1's dual role: excessive PARP1 activation depletes NAD+ and ATP, which can be
more lethal than the DNA damage itself[26], making PARP1 suppression pro-survival under extensive
DNA damage. Taken together, we propose that aneuploidy may 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.

PARP1 has been an important therapeutic target for HR-deficient tumors[91]. Our findings
may have implications for the clinical use of PARPi. PARP1 downregulation has been associated
with PARP1i resistance[92–94], suggesting that aneuploid cancer cells may inherently resist PARP1i
due to PARP1 downregulation, and analysis of CCLE cancer cell lines confirms that aneuploid cells
show reduced PARPi sensitivity (**Fig. S6I**). Additionally, PARPi might counteract the cytotoxic
effects of DNA damage-inducing agents if their efficacy relies on PARP1 hyperactivation and
induction of parthanatos[28]. Altogether, our studies, by shedding light on a previously unappreciated
effect of aneuploidy—promoting ROS resistance through PARP1 suppression—pave the way for
future studies to better characterize the implications of these findings for cancer therapy and
resistance.

Limitations of the Study
Several limitations should be noted. First, as intratumoral H_2O_2 concentrations are not precisely
defined, our *in vitro* models may not fully recapitulate the magnitude or duration of oxidative stress
during tumor progression or treatment. Second, although we demonstrate that modest PARP1
reductions alter cellular phenotypes, systematic dose-response studies are needed to precisely
define cancer cell sensitivity to graded alterations in PARP1 dosage. Third, while our *in vivo*
experiments link PARP1 levels to metastatic potential, it remains unclear whether this effect
operates through resistance to ROS-induced parthanatos or other mechanisms. Finally, while our
data establish CEBPB as a transcriptional regulator of PARP1, the precise mechanism by which
aneuploidy and lysosomal dysfunction activate CEBPB specifically in aneuploid cells warrants
further investigation.

STAR Methods

Summary
Aneuploidy models were generated by transient MPS1 inhibitor treatment (acute model), single-cell
cloning following MPS1 inhibitor treatment (chronic model), CRISPR-mediated chromosome
missegregation, or microcell-mediated chromosome transfer (MMCT). Aneuploidy was confirmed
by flow cytometry and whole-genome sequencing, and aneuploidy scores were calculated from
arm-level somatic copy number alterations. Cell viability was assessed by fluorescence
microscopy or flow cytometry following oxidative stress or other treatments. Global RNA and
protein expression were evaluated by RNA-sequencing and mass spectrometry, respectively, with
gene-specific detection by RT-qPCR and western blotting. Genome-wide CRISPR knockout
screening was performed with FACS-based sorting by PARP1 levels, followed by sgRNA

enrichment analysis using MAGeCK. PARP1, TIMELESS, CEBPB, and other genes were manipulated
using lentiviral shRNA knockdown, Cas9-sgRNA knockout, or cDNA overexpression. DNA damage
was assessed by alkaline comet assay and γH2AX staining. Metastasis was evaluated in NSG or
B6 Albino mice by bioluminescence imaging following cancer cell injection. Integrative analysis of
transcriptome and proteome data generated in this study and from published bulk and single-cell
RNA-sequencing datasets was used to evaluate gene expression and pathway activity. In all
figures, individual data points represent replicates from representative experiments (at least two
independent experiments were performed to validate results). For dot plots, unless otherwise
specified, summary statistics show mean ± standard deviation. Statistical analyses used unpaired
t-tests, ANOVA with post-hoc tests, or non-parametric tests as appropriate, with p < 0.05 considered
significant. Detailed methods are provided in Supplemental Information.
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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. *TP53*WT or *TP53*KO 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).
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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 *TP53*KO
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). The clones maintained stable
karyotypes over one month of *in vitro* culture.
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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[95]. Aneuploid clones of HCT116 with an extra
chromosome 5 and RPE1 with an extra chromosome 7, along with their diploid control clones[32],
generously provided by Dr. Zuzana Storchová and Dr. Jason M. Sheltzer, served as an independent
aneuploidy model to test our hypotheses.
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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[96]. 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[97]. 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 [98].
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[99]. After the
adjustment, we considered a log2-transformed copy number ratio > 0.3 as a gain and < (−0.3) as a
loss.
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Figure 2. PARP1 is suppressed in aneuploid cells and required for ROS-induced cell death

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Viability after H$_2$O$_2$ in *CEBPB*-OE versus EV cells (40 µM for *TP53*-KO hCEC, 2 mM for DLD1, 24h).

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A. PARP1 / Vinculin Western blot across HT29, SW948, HCT116, DLD1, SK-CO-1, SW403 cell lines with Ratio (PARP1 : Vinculin) bar graph (Low, Medium, High).

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M. Kamal et al. 2019 paired PARP1 RNA Primary vs Metastasis. 13.3%, 73.3%.

N. Kamal et al. 2019 unpaired discovery and unpaired validation, PARP1 RNA Primary vs Metastasis.

Figure 5

Red arrows: High aneuploidy, High lysosome score, High CEBPB, Low PARP1
Blue arrows: Low aneuploidy, Low lysosome score, Low CEBPB, High PARP1

PARP1 is suppressed in aneuploid cells via lysosomal stress and CEBPB activation

PARP1 suppression inhibits cell death and DNA repair, and promotes metastasis

PARP1 activation

PARP1 suppression

Cell death (Parthanatos)

DNA repair

Metastasis

Figure S1

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Sample	Log2CNV	RNA Log2FC	Protein Log2FC
HCT116-5/4	0.052	-0.91 (FDR = 0.333)	-0.60 (n = 6)
HCT116-3/3	0.351	-1.66 (FDR = 0.129)	-1.36 (n = 1)
HCT116-G-5/4	0.404	2.41 (FDR = 0.002)	-3.49 (n = 1)
HCT116-G-5/3	0.419	NA	-0.32 (n = 1)
RPE1-21/3	NA	-0.33 (FDR = 0.016)	-0.71 (n = 3)
RPE1-5/3-12/3	-0.052	-0.17 (FDR = 0.007)	-0.52 (n = 3)

Figure S4

E PARP1 level in primary and metastatic COREAD tumors (GSE131418)

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