

DEAD-BOX RNA HELICASE DP103 REGULATED SUMO/ACETYLATION SWITCH OF P53 DETERMINES RESPONSE TO DOCETAXEL IN ER α -POSITIVE BREAST CANCER

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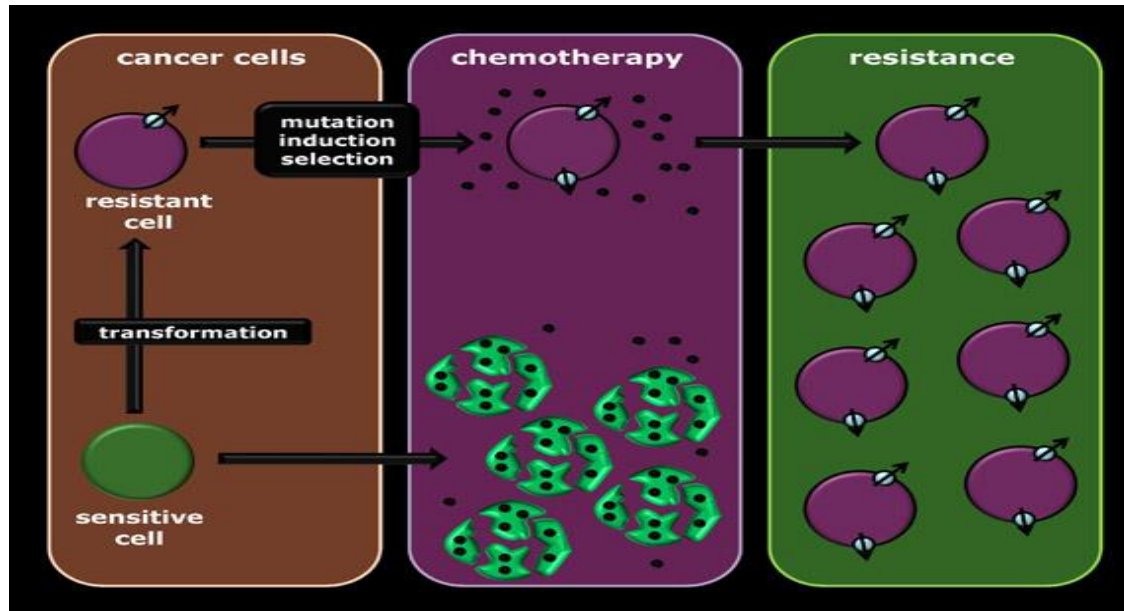
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Chemoresistance

'MAN PROPOSES : TUMOR DISPOSES'



- Accounts for over 90% of treatment failures in patients with metastatic breast cancer (Longley et al., 2005)
- Time-to-Progression (TTP) of **6-10 months** (Cortes et al., 2007)

Popular Mechanisms Behind Docetaxel Resistance

β -tubulin gene mutations or differential expression

Suppression of pro-apoptotic genes (p53, Bax, Caspases)

Activation of survival genes (PI3K/Akt, Bcl2)



Multi-Drug Resistant phenotype (PgP)

Increased cellular drug detoxification

None has been successfully employed in the clinic to aid as predictive marker of docetaxel-response and -resistance

(Camerini et al., 2011)

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Breast Cancer



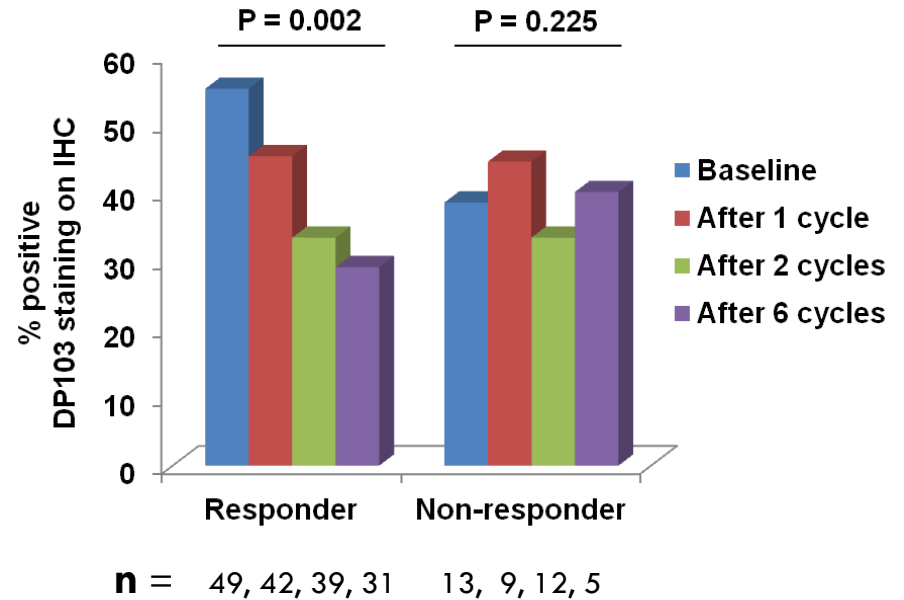
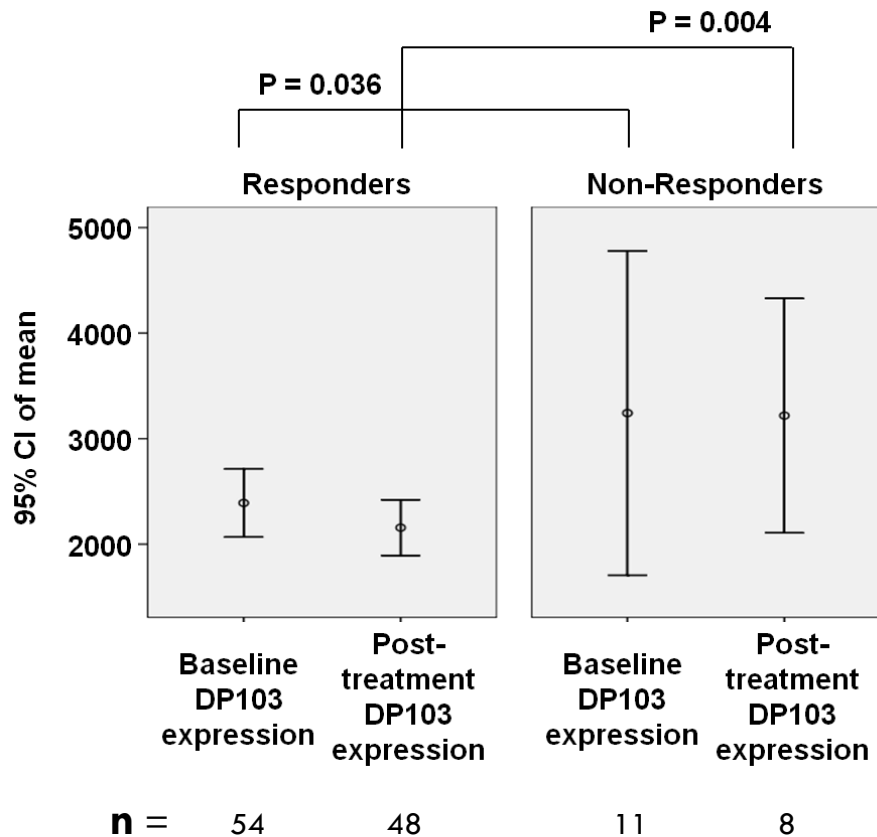
**Response to
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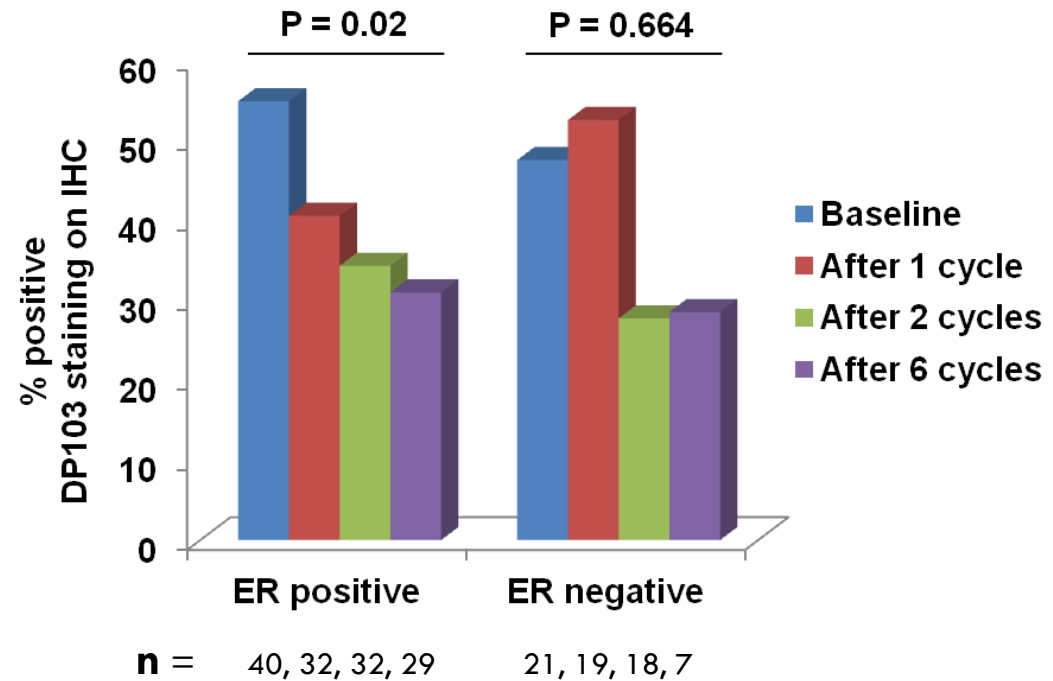
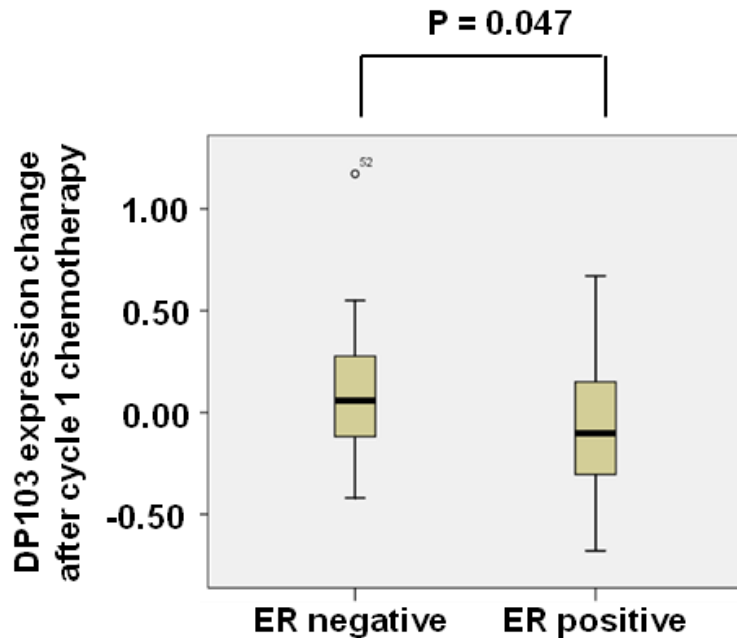
DEAD Box Protein, DP103: coming ALIVE in Cancer

- **Tumor-suppressor** in Hepatocellular Carcinoma (Zender et al., 2008, Takata et al., 2012)
- **Upregulated** in Mantle-Cell Lymphomas (Ghobrial et al., 2005)
- Increases the **metastatic potential of breast cancer** cells through **activation of NFκB**, and being **regulated by NFκB** itself (Shin et al., 2014)

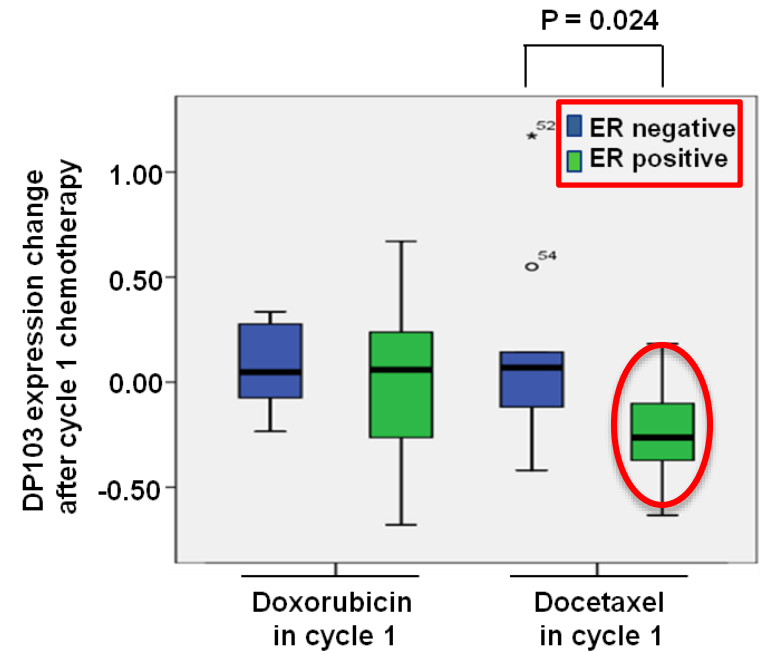
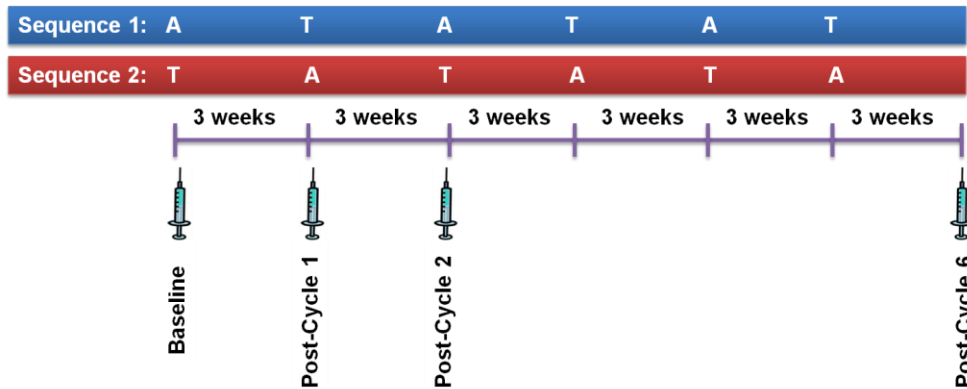
Clinical Responders exhibit a chemotherapy-induced decrease in DP103 expression



Chemotherapy negatively regulates DP103 expression in ER positive patients

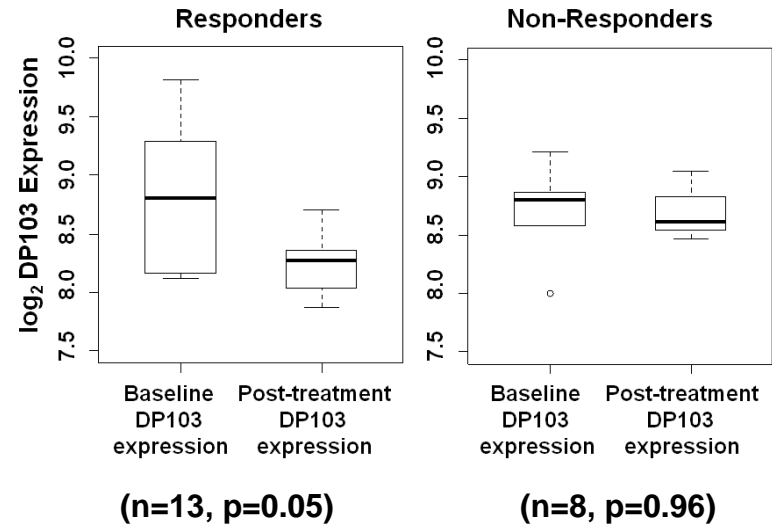
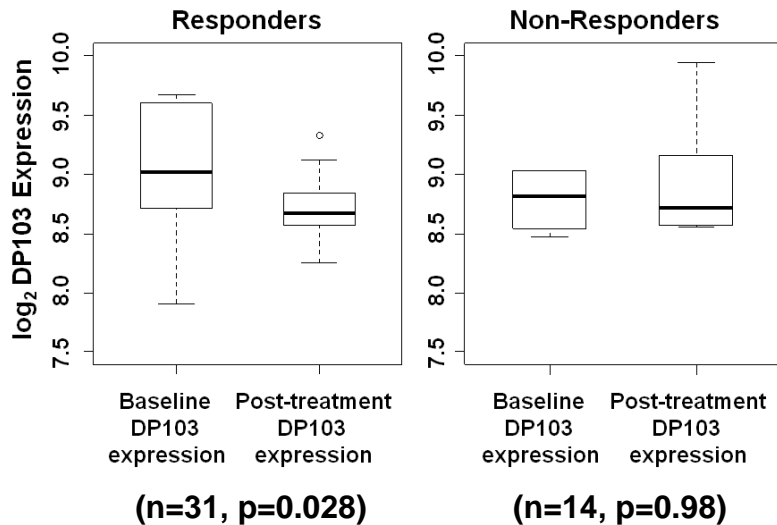


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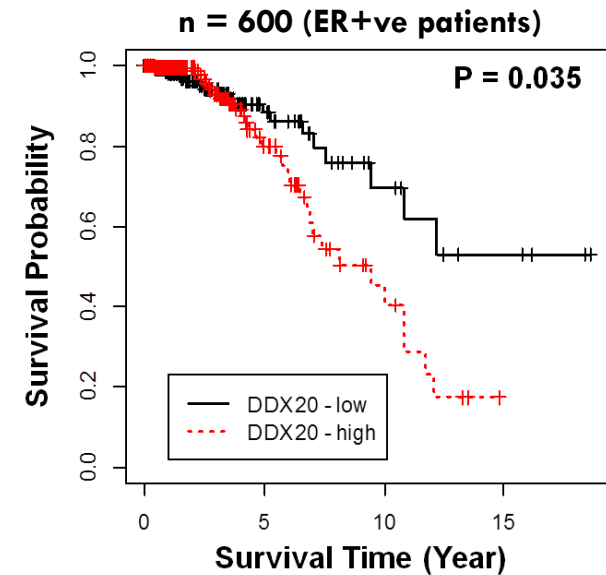
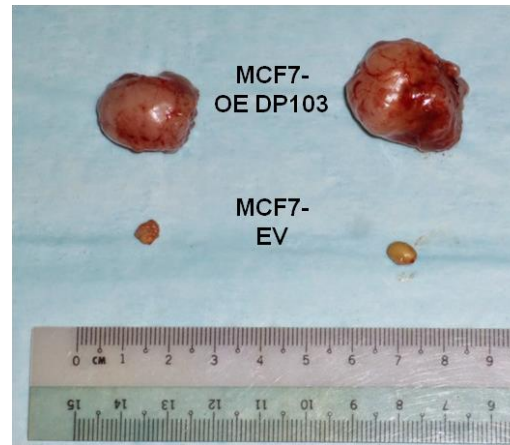
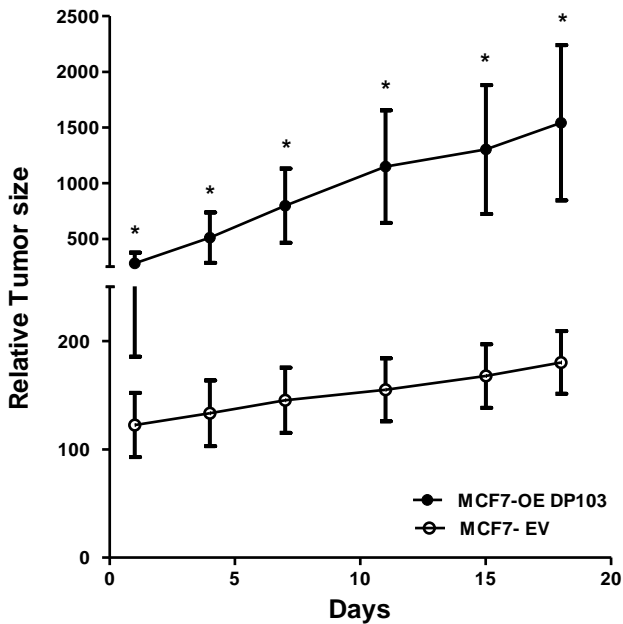


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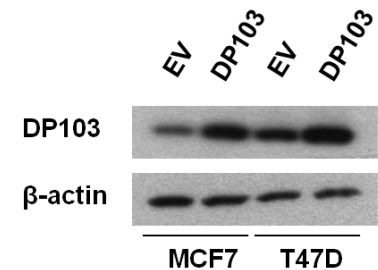
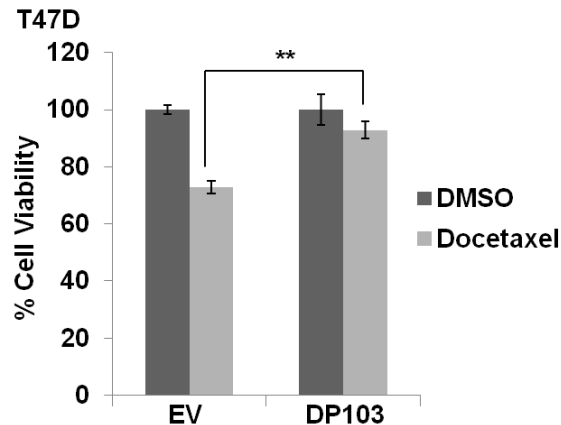
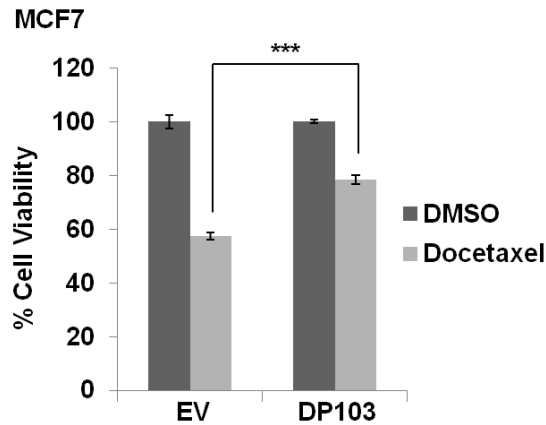
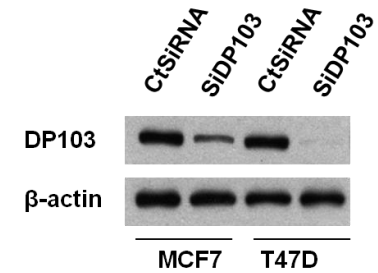
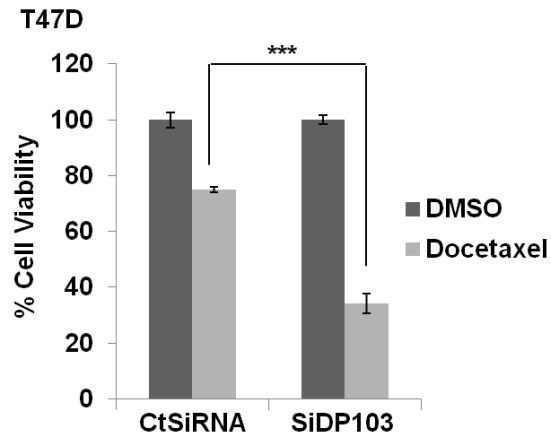
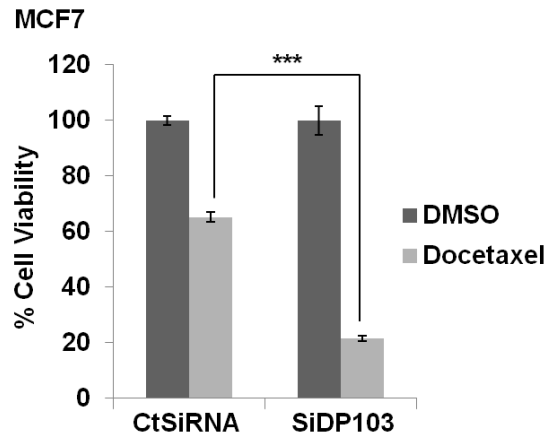
GEO gene expression data sets GSE21974 (Left) & GSE18728 (Right)



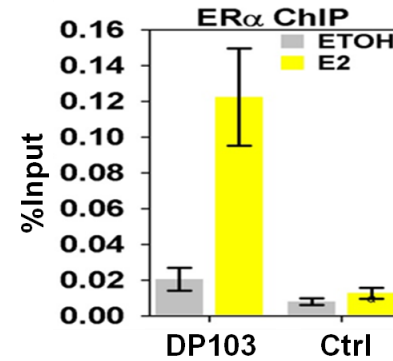
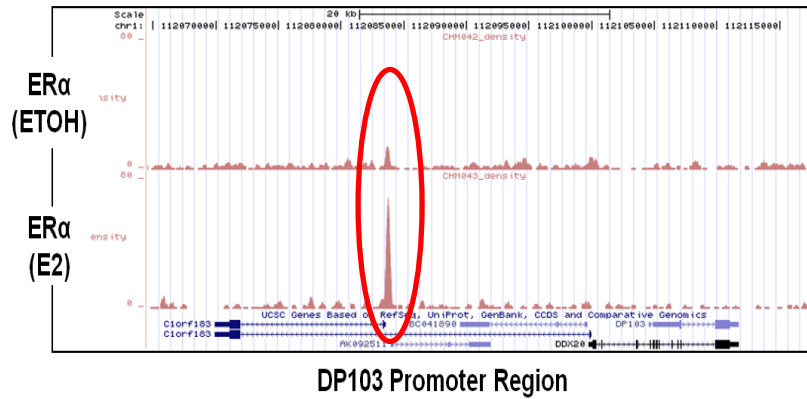
DP103 over-expression increases tumor burden



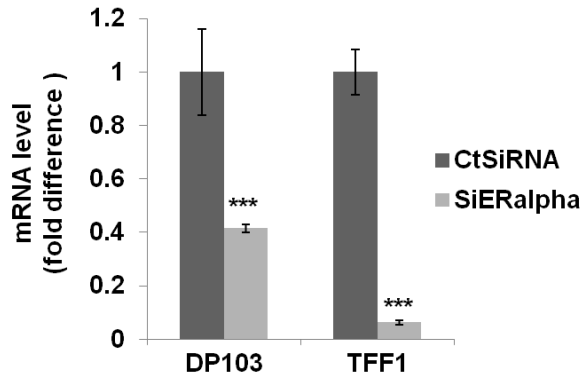
DP103 modulates docetaxel sensitivity



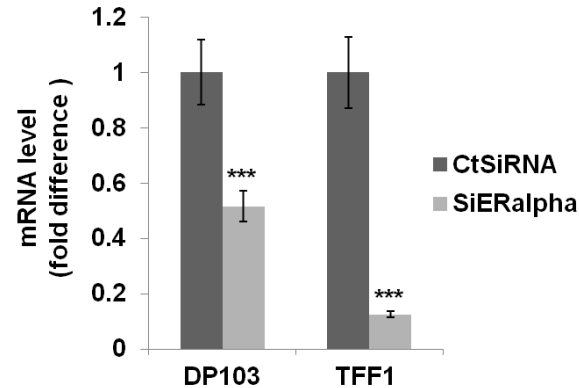
ER α regulates DP103 transcriptionally



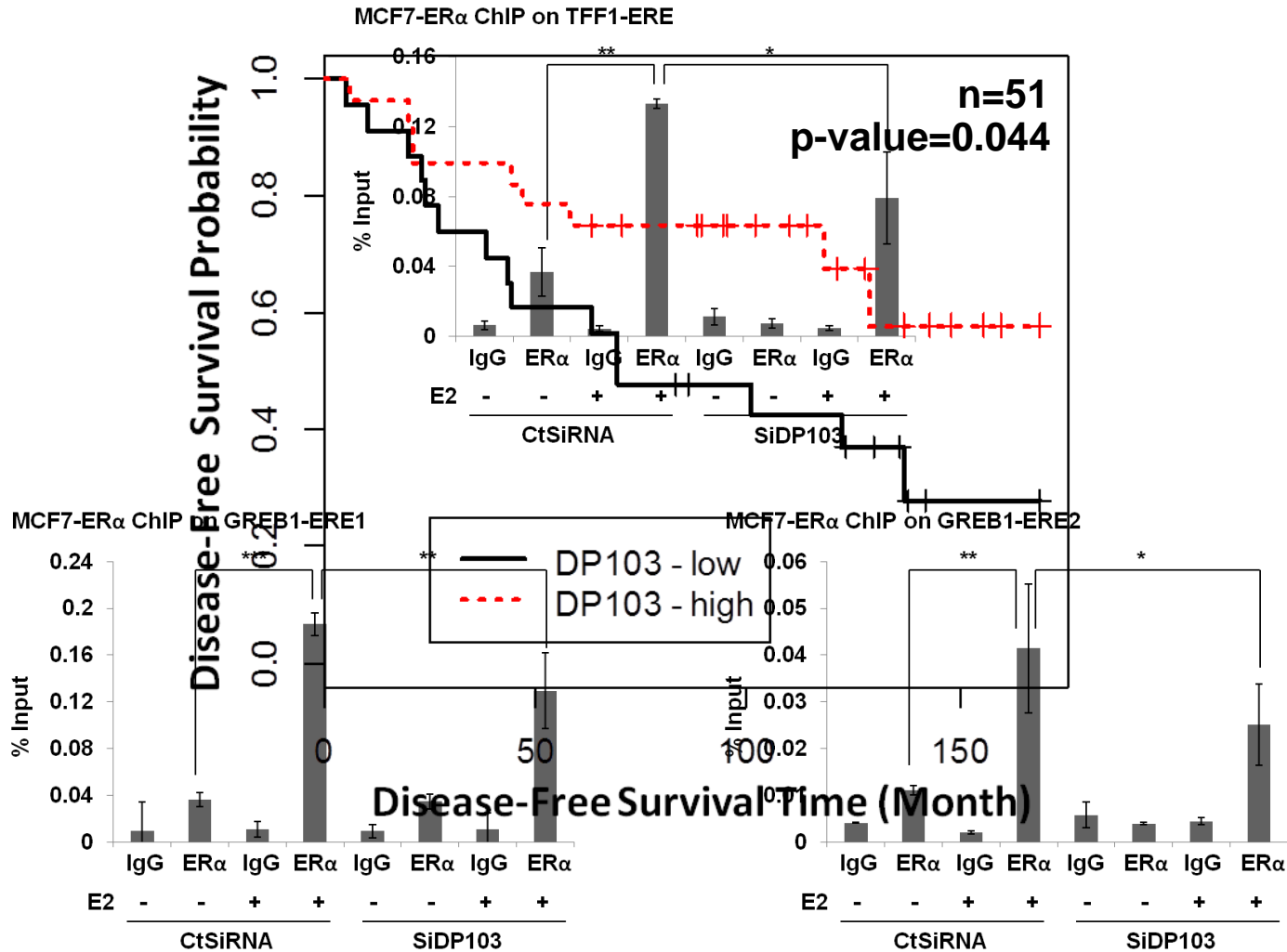
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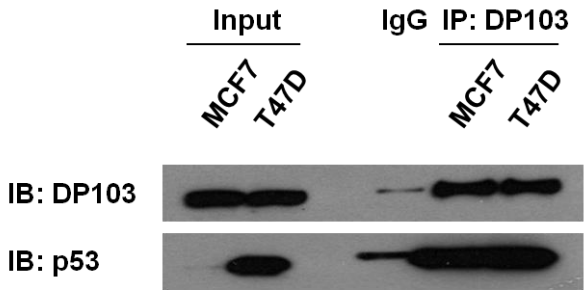
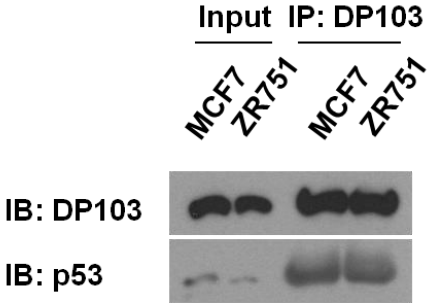
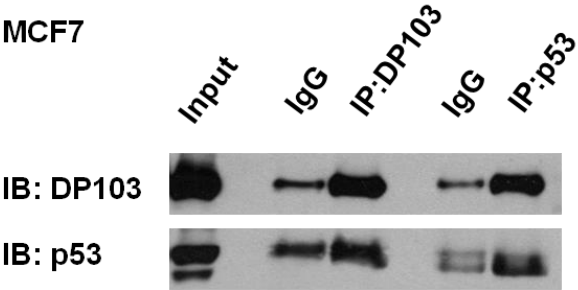
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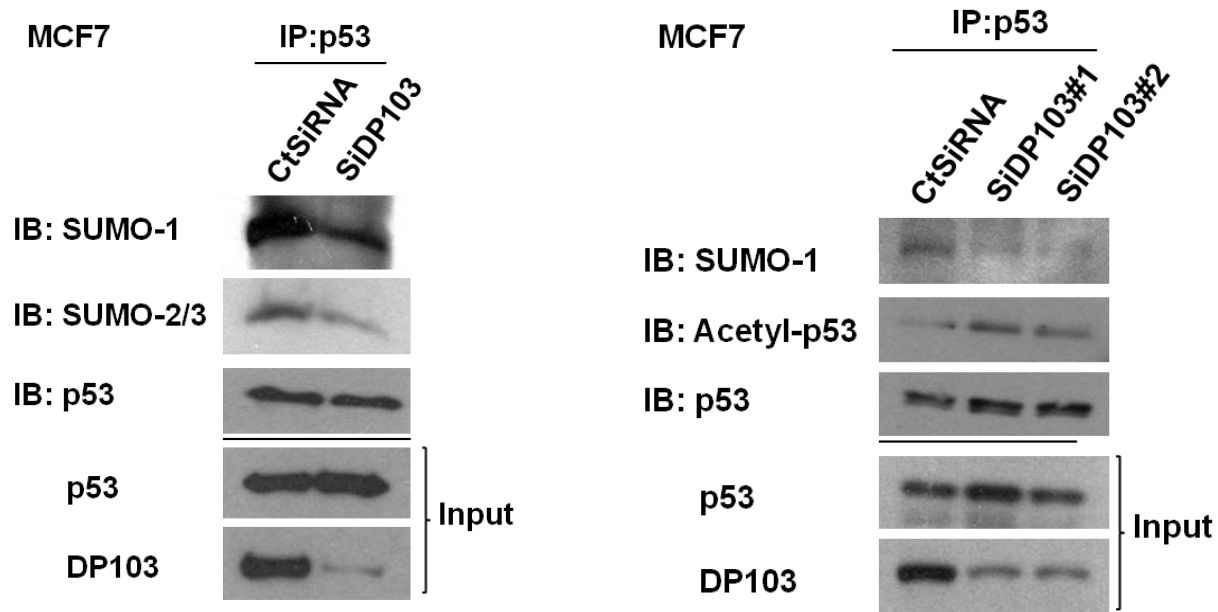
DP103 modulates recruitment of ER α to the promoter



DP103 interacts with p53

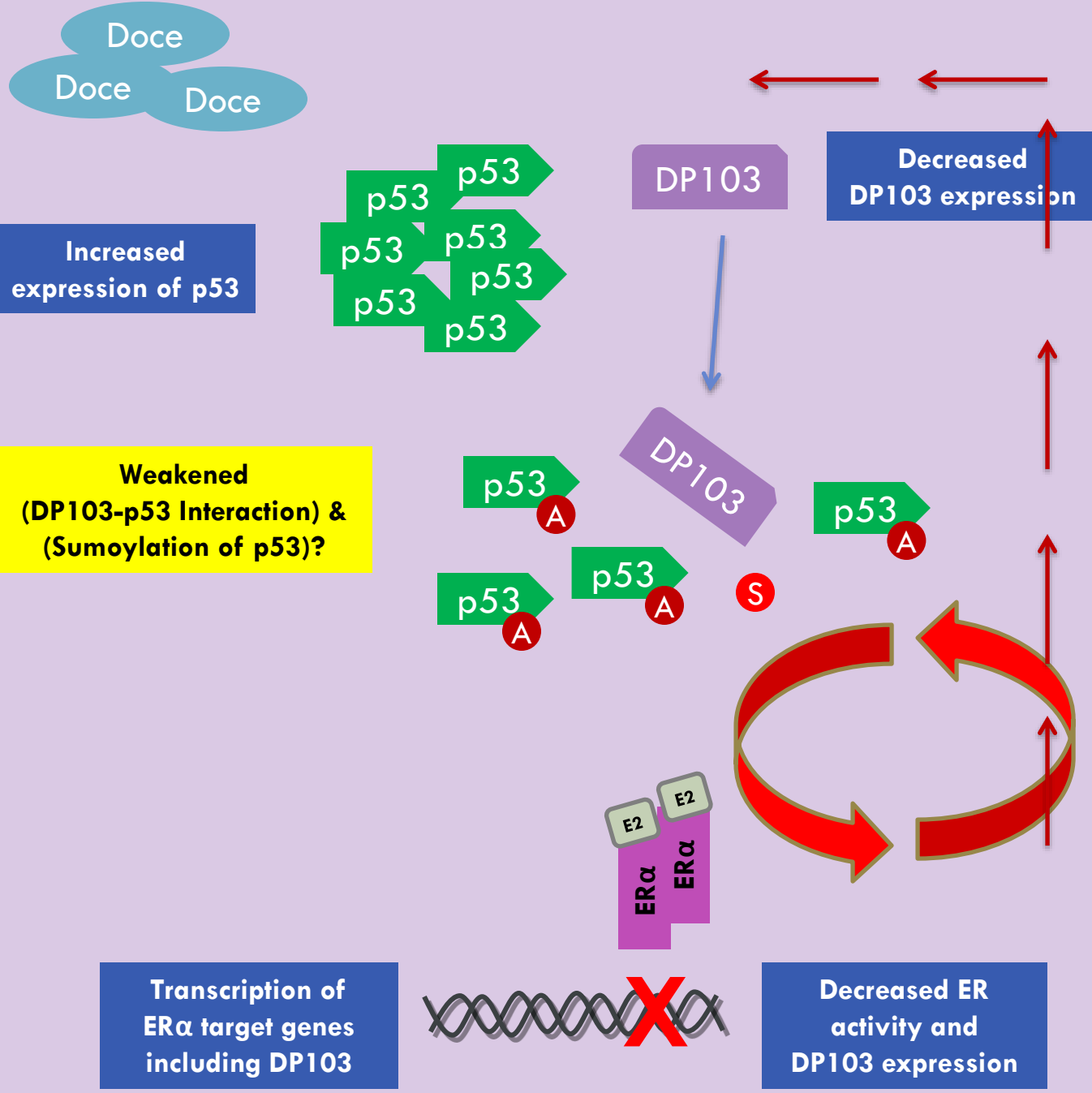


DP103 modulates the switch between p53 sumoylation and acetylation



Responders

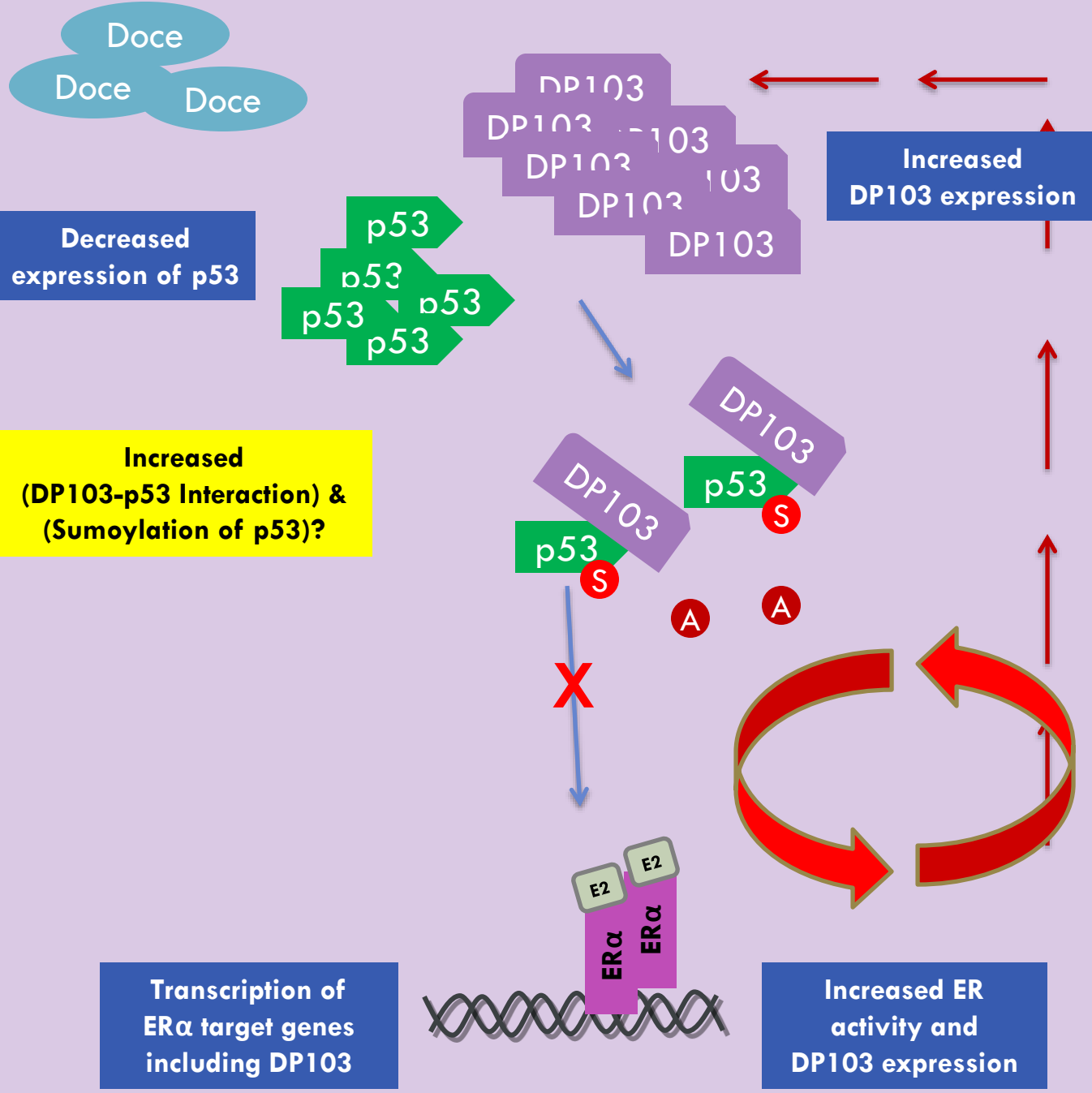
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- S** Sumo group
- A** Acetyl group

Non-Responders

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- S** Sumo group
- A** Acetyl group



Thank you!