

**Table S1.** Clinical parameters of 547 EEC patients in TCGA dataset.

Clinical Parameters	Name	Statistics
<b>Primary Site</b>	Corpus uteri	547 (100%)
<b>Gender</b>	Female	547 (100%)
<b>Vital Status</b>	Alive	456 (83.3%)
	Dead	91 (16.7%)
<b>Race</b>	White	374 (68.2%)
	Black or African American	100 (18.2%)
	Asian	20 (3.6%)
	Not reported	31 (5.8%)
	Other	13 (2.3%)
<b>Ethnicity</b>	Not hispanic or latino	376 (68.8%)
	Hispanic or latino	15 (2.7%)
	Not reported	156 (28.5%)
<b>Stage</b>	Stage I, IA, IB, IC	341 (62.4%)
	Stage II, IIA, IIB	52 (9.5%)
	Stage III, IIIA, IIIB, IIIC, IIIC1, IIIC2	122 (22.3%)
	Stage IV, IVA, IVB	32 (5.8%)

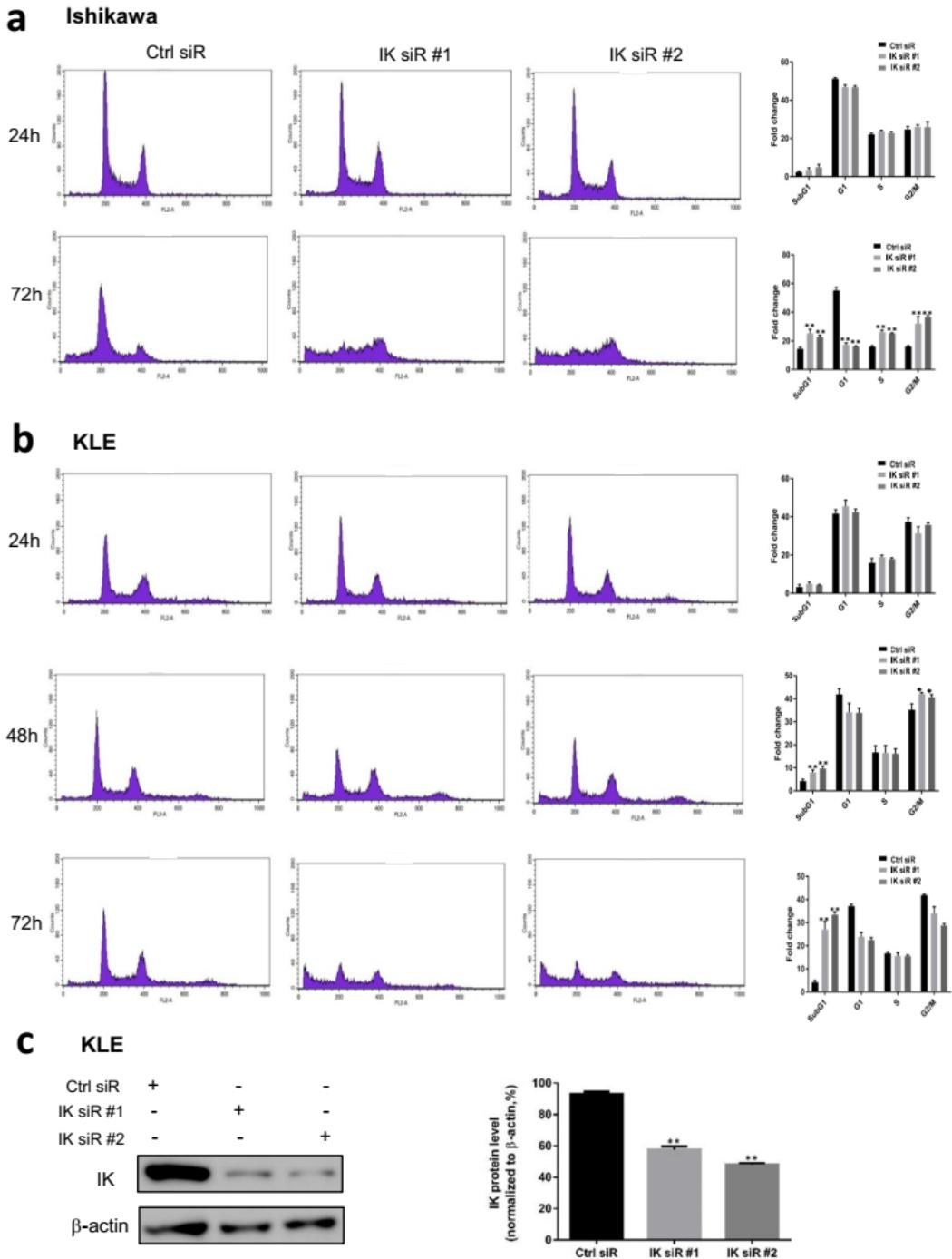
**Table S3.** Distribution of EEC patients with *IK* mutations.

Group	G1	G2	G3	High-grade
All patients	99	121	313	11
With <i>IK</i> mutations	3	4	30	0
synonymous SNV	0	0	5	
stopgain	0	0	3	
nonsynonymous SNV	0	2	18	
frameshift substitution	0	2	3	

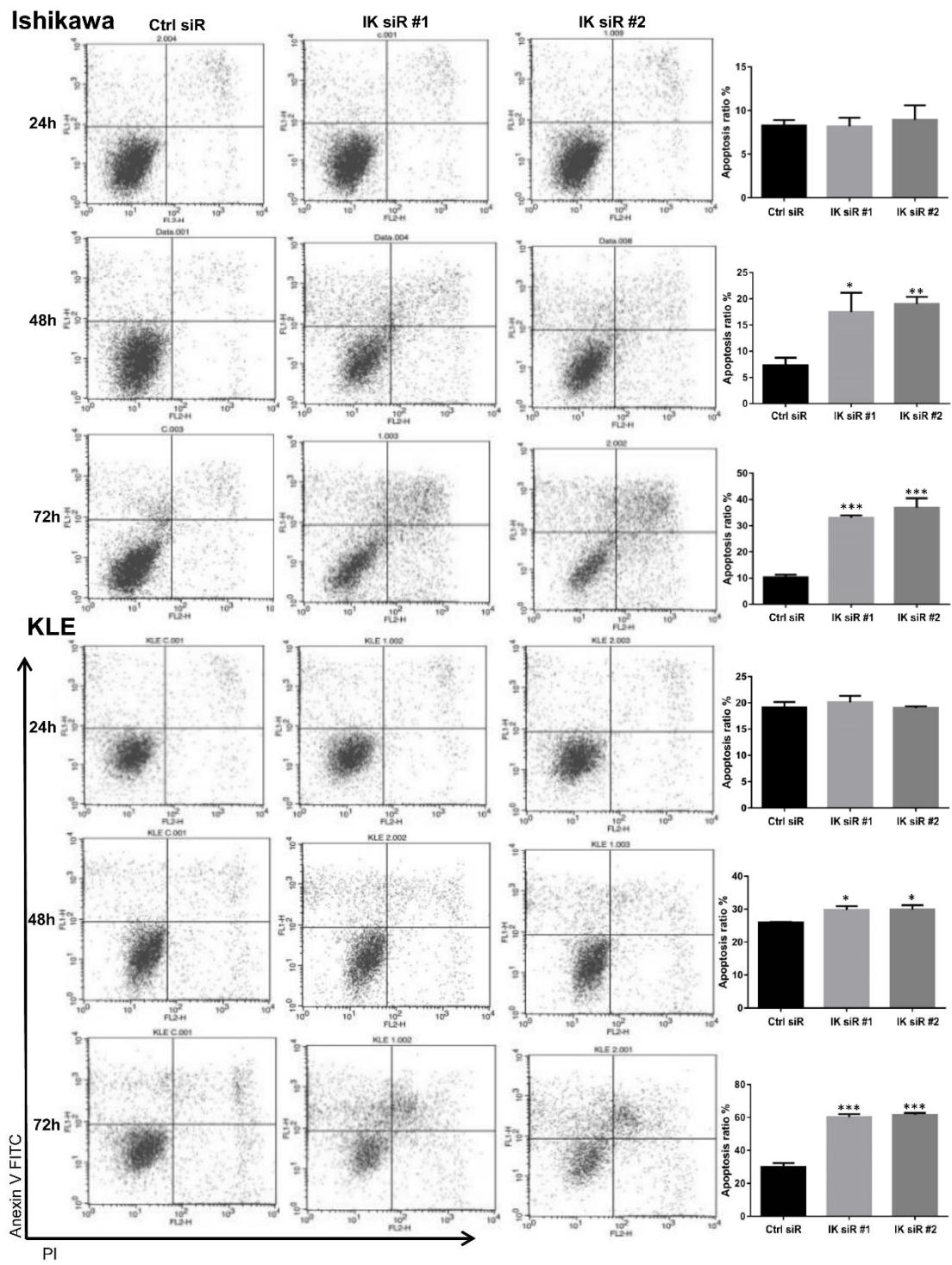
\* *p* -value < 2.2e-16, Fisher's exact test.**Table S4.** Vital status of *IK* mutated EEC patients and wild-type cases.

Group	Death	Alive
All patients	44 (0.080)	503 (0.919)
With mutations	0	32
No mutations	44	471

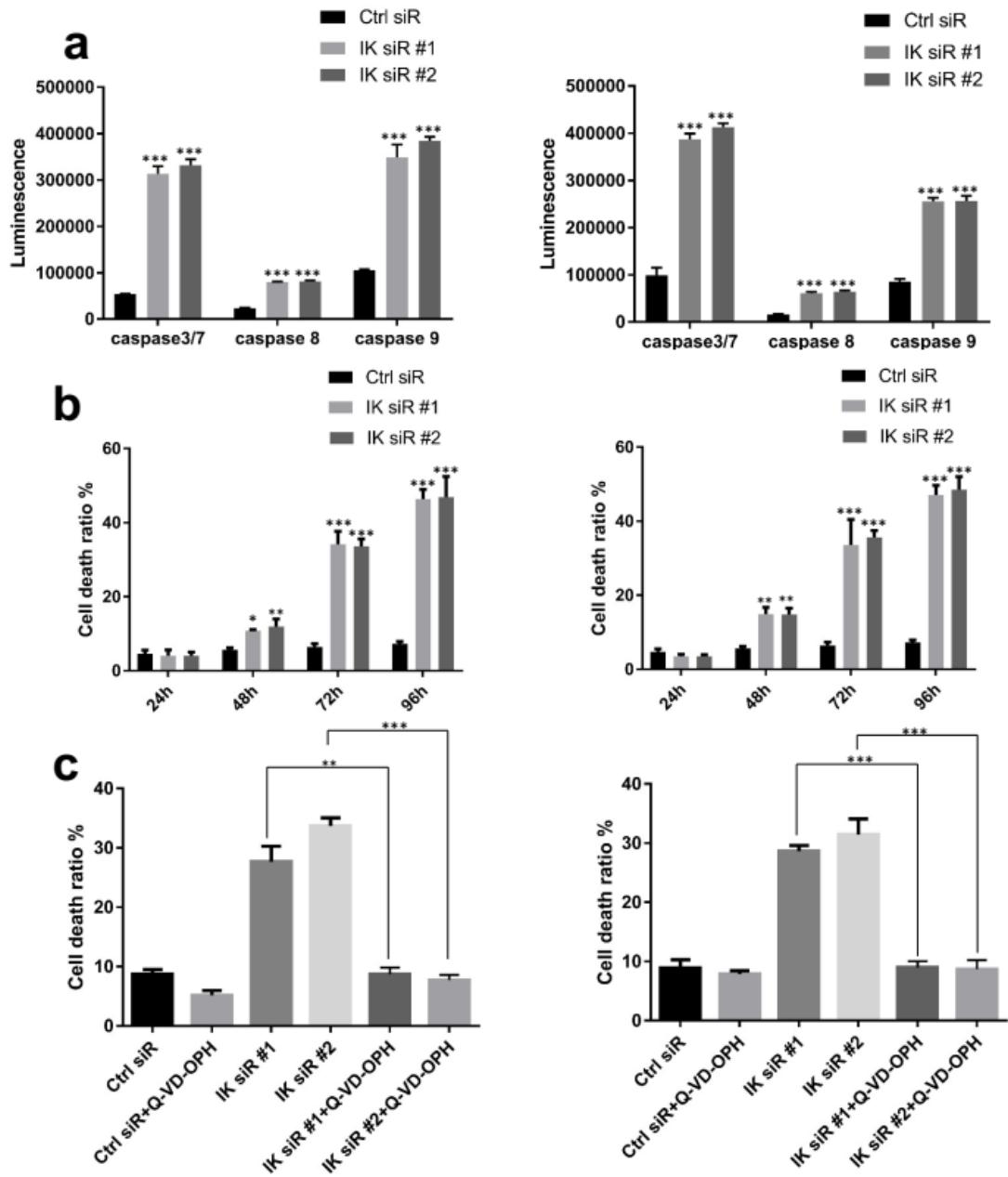
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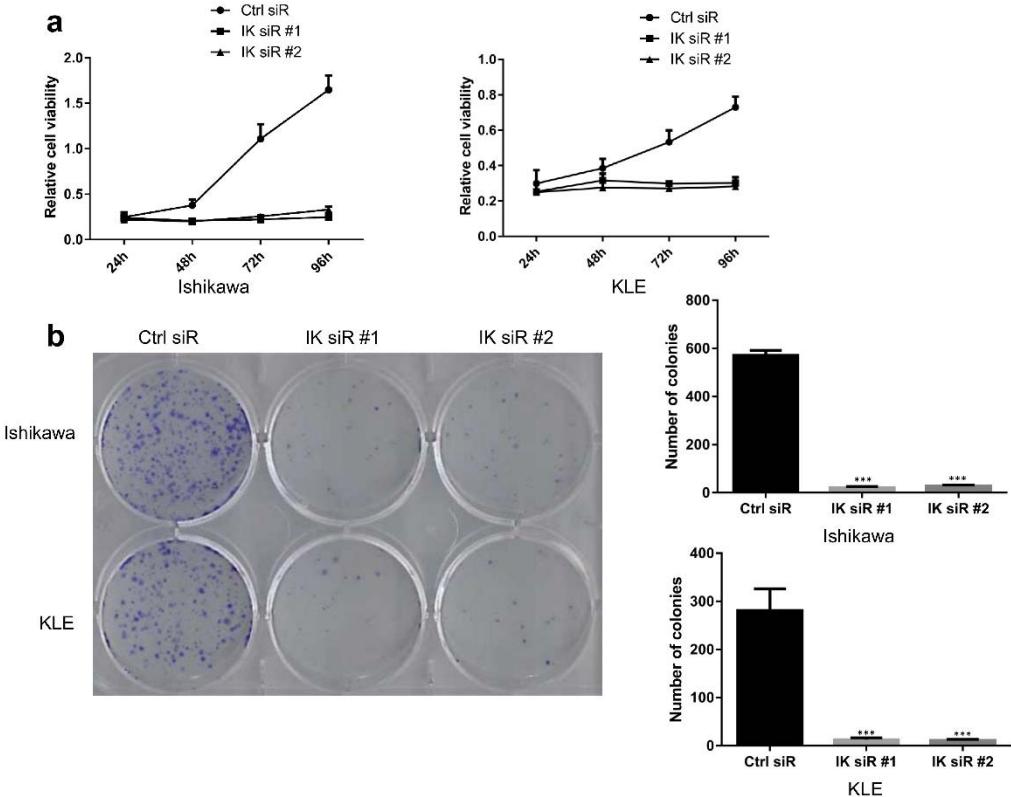
**Figure S1.** IK attenuation affects cell cycle in Ishikawa and KLE cells. **(a).** (Left) Twenty-four and seventy-two hours after IK siRNA transfection in Ishikawa cells, IK attenuation led to enrichment of G2/M cells. (Right) Quantification of Ishikawa cells in different phases. **(b).** (Left) Twenty-four, forty-eight and seventy-two hours after IK siRNA transfection in KLE cells, IK attenuation affected cell cycle. (Right) Quantification of KLE cells in different phases. **c.** (Left) Seventy-two hours after IK siRNA transfection in KLE cells, IK expression was attenuated. (Right) Quantitative analysis of IK protein expression. Mean  $\pm$  SD of at least three independent experiments. (two-sided Student's *t* test, \*  $p < 0.05$ , \*\*  $p < 0.01$ , \*\*\*  $p < 0.001$ ).



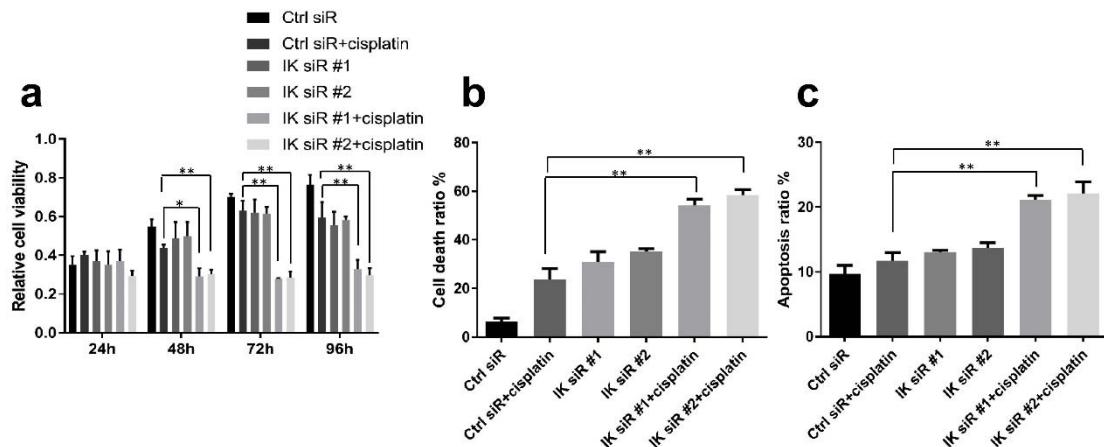
**Figure S2.** IK attenuation causes cell apoptosis in Ishikawa and KLE cells. Different times after IK siRNA transfection, all the cells, including attached and floating cells, were harvested and stained with annexin V-FITC and PI. Then they were analyzed by flow cytometry for cell apoptosis. Mean  $\pm$  SD of at least three independent experiments. (two-sided Student's *t* test, \*  $p$  < 0.05, \*\*  $p$  < 0.01, \*\*\*  $p$  < 0.001).



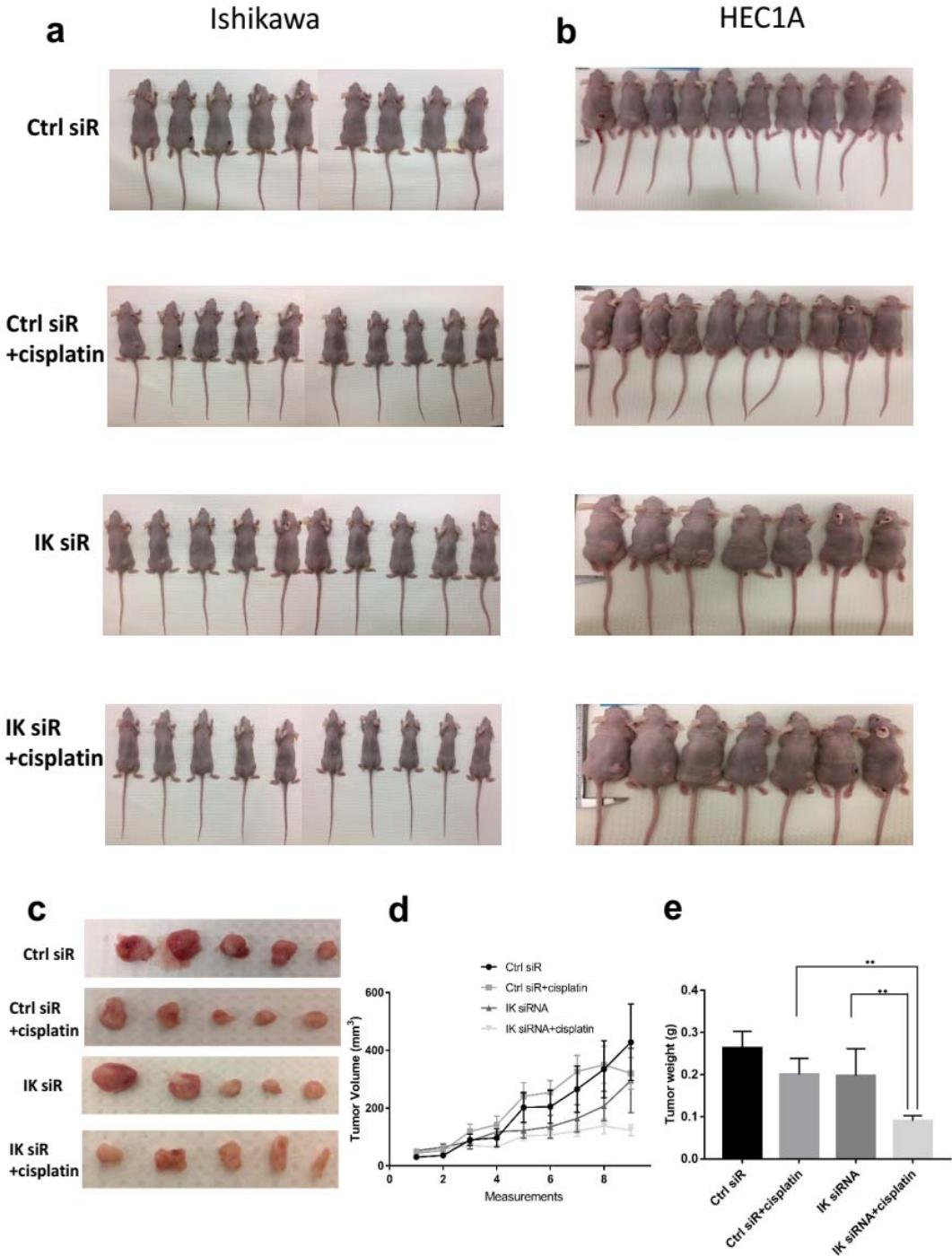
**Figure S3.** IK attenuation causes apoptotic cell death through intrinsic mitochondria dependent and extrinsic death receptor dependent pathways in Ishikawa and KLE cells. **(a)**. Seventy-two hours after IK siRNA transfection in Ishikawa (left) and KLE (right) cells, caspase activity assay showed that caspase3/7, caspase 8 and caspase 9 were activated. **(b)**. Trypan blue exclusion assay showed that IK attenuation caused cell death. **c**. Seventy-two hours after IK siRNA transfection with or without Q-VD-Oph (cell apoptosis inhibitor) treatment, trypan blue exclusion assay showed that Q-VD-Oph decreased cell death ratio caused by IK attenuation. Mean  $\pm$  SD of at least three independent experiments. (two-sided Student's *t* test, \*  $p < 0.05$ , \*\*  $p < 0.01$ , \*\*\*  $p < 0.001$ ).



**Figure S4.** IK attenuation inhibits cell viability and cell proliferation in Ishikawa and KLE cells. **(a)**. After IK siRNA transfection in Ishikawa and KLE cells, cell viability was inhibited significantly. **(b)**. (Left) Transfected cells were seeded in a 6 well plate (700 cells/well) and incubated for 2 weeks. Then cells were stained by 0.1% crystal violet. (Right) Quantification of colonies in Ishikawa and KLE cells. Mean  $\pm$  SD of at least three independent experiments. (two-sided Student's *t* test, \*\*\*  $p < 0.001$ ).



**Figure S5.** IK attenuation sensitizes EC to cisplatin in KLE cells. **(a)**. CCK-8 assay showed IK attenuation sensitized KLE cells to cisplatin treatment. The IK siRNA transfection plus cisplatin group inhibited cell viability more significantly. **(b)**. Seventy-two hours after IK siRNA transfection with or without cisplatin treatment, the IK siRNA transfection plus cisplatin group had more dead cells on trypan blue exclusion assays. **(c)**. Seventy-two hours after IK siRNA transfection with or without cisplatin treatment, the IK siRNA transfection plus cisplatin group had more apoptotic cells. Mean  $\pm$  SD of at least three independent experiments. (two-sided Student's *t* test, \*  $p < 0.05$ , \*\*  $p < 0.01$ ).



**Figure S6.** IK attenuation inhibits EC cell growth and sensitizes EC to cisplatin *in vivo*. **(a)** Images of Ishikawa xenograft model. **(b)** Images of HEC1A xenograft model. **c** Representative images of HEC1A xenograft tumors in nude mice treated with control siRNA-DOPC, control siRNA-DOPC plus cisplatin, IK siRNA-DOPC, or IK siRNA-DOPC plus cisplatin (n=10 per group). Tumor volume **(d)** and tumor weight **(e)** of HEC1A xenograft tumors in each group 4 weeks after different treatments. (two-sided Student's *t* test, \* *p* <0.05, \*\* *p* <0.01, \*\*\* *p* <0.001).

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25	✓	sodium/potassium-transporting ATPase subunit alpha-1 isoform a [Homo sapiens]		NP_000692.2 (+4)	113 kDa	2	
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Figure S7. Mass spectrometry result showed that IK interacted with Ku80.

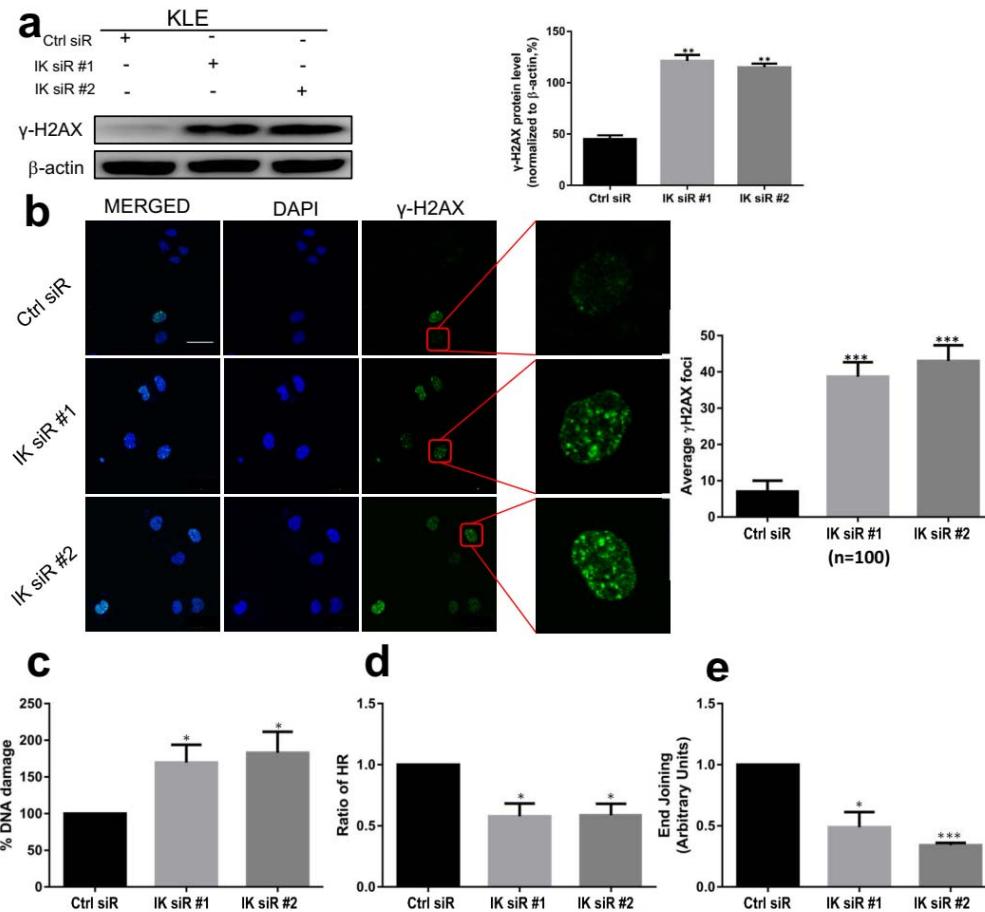
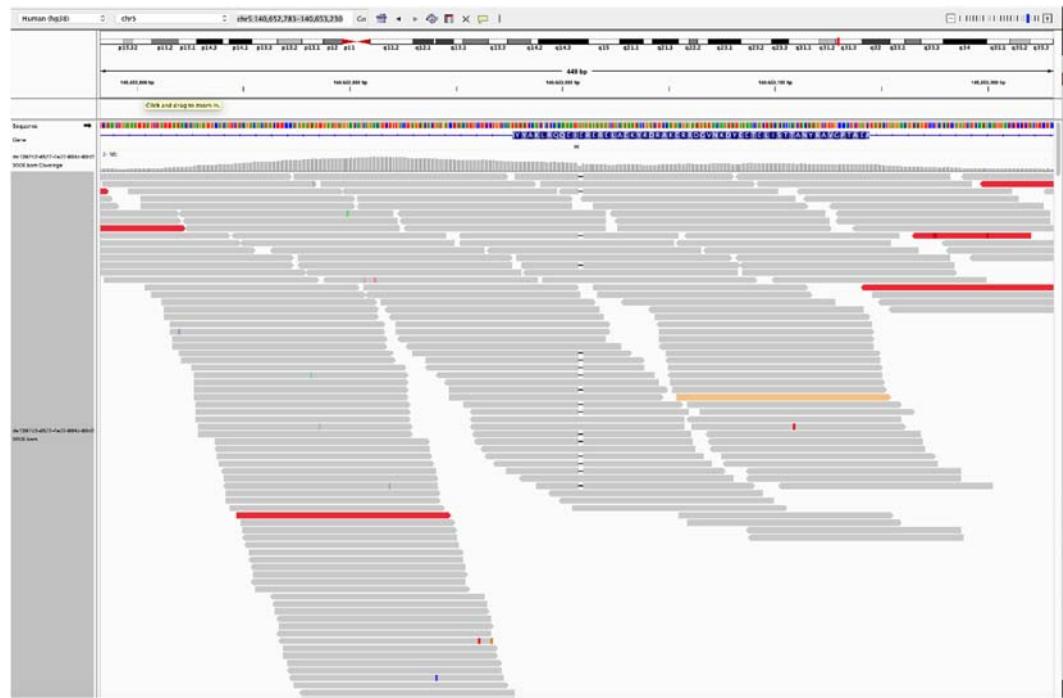
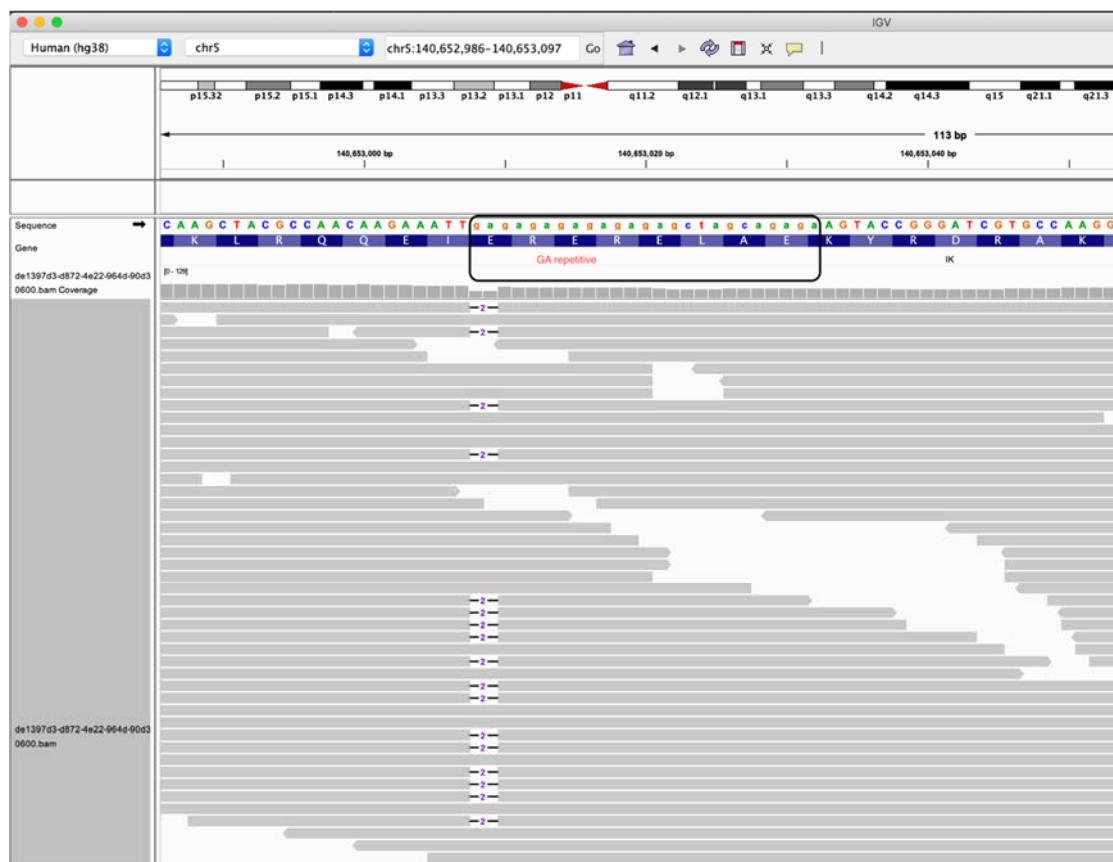


Figure S8. IK attenuation leads to inactivation of DNA repair signaling in KLE cells. (a). (Left) Seventy-two hours after IK siRNA transfection in KLE cells, γ-H2AX expression increased. (Right) Quantitative analysis of γ-H2AX protein expression. (b). (Left) Seventy-two hours after IK siRNA transfection, IK attenuation caused more γ-H2AX foci. (Right) Quantification of average γH2AX foci per cell. (c). Seventy-two hours after IK siRNA transfection, IK attenuation caused more DNA damage. (d). Seventy-two hours after IK siRNA transfection, IK attenuation weakened HR efficiency. e. Seventy-two hours after IK siRNA transfection, we measured end joining in Ishikawa nuclear extracts of different groups with

qPCR; IK attenuation weakened NHEJ efficiency. Mean  $\pm$  SD of at least three independent experiments. (two-sided Student's t test, \*  $p < 0.05$ , \*\*  $p < 0.01$ , \*\*\*  $p < 0.001$ ).



**Figure S9.** Example of manual inspection to confirm the existence of significant numbers of reads in the tumor BAM files, supportive of the initially identified indel.



**Figure S10.** IGV software showed that the length of reads in the alignments is much longer than that of the GA repetition.