

**Identification of genetic determinants of ATR inhibitor
sensitivity in ARID1A mutant ovarian clear cell
carcinoma**

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Abstract

Ovarian clear cell carcinoma (OCCC) is a gynaecological cancer of unmet need characterized by *ARID1A* and *PPP2R1A* mutations. Prior work identified a synthetic lethality between *ARID1A* tumour suppressor mutations in OCCC and inhibition of the ATR kinase, information that has led to phase II proof-of-concept clinical trials assessing an ATR inhibitor (ATRi) in *ARID1A* mutant cancers. Using a genome-wide CRISPR-Cas9 mutagenesis screen in an *ARID1A* mutant OCCC tumour cell line and subsequent genome-wide CRISPR-Cas9 mutagenesis and CRISPR-dCas9 interference screens, I identify multiple protein phosphatase 2A (PP2A) subunit-coding genes as determinants of ATRi sensitivity. Analysis of a cohort of OCCCs indicated that over approximately one half possessed *ARID1A* mutations as well as mutations in the PP2A scaffolding subunit coding gene, *PPP2R1A*. CRISPR-prime editing of *PPP2R1A* demonstrated that cancer-associated hotspot p.R183 missense mutations cause ATRi sensitivity in OCCC cells, even in the presence of *ARID1A* mutations. The synthetic lethality between *PPP2R1A* p.R183 missense mutation and ATRi operated in both *in vitro* and *in vivo* and was characterized by a decrease in cells in replicating S phase of the cell cycle, an increase in cells entering mitosis with sub-4n genomic content and the accumulation of 53BP1 bodies. Mechanistically, this synthetic lethal effect was dependent upon the kinase WNK1, which itself exhibits increased phosphorylation in *PPP2R1A* mutant OCCC cells. Depletion of WNK1 restored the replicating S phase population normally depleted by ATRi and reversed ATRi sensitivity in *PPP2R1A* p.R183 mutant OCCC cells. TOV21G *PPP2R1A*

p.R183 mutant cells were also observed to be more sensitive to ATRi than *PPP2R1A* wild-type cells in an *in vivo* model system of OCCC. Together with the data presented here, the co-occurrence of *PPP2R1A* and *ARID1A* mutations in OCCC suggests that in addition to *ARID1A*, *PPP2R1A* status should be assessed as a biomarker of ATRi response in on-going clinical trials.

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Abbreviations

53BP1	p53-binding protein 1
AGE	Age-related
AKT	RAC(Rho family)-alpha serine/threonine-protein kinase
ANOVA	Analysis of variance
APOBEC	Apolipoprotein B mRNA editing enzyme
ARID1A	AT-rich interactive domain-containing protein 1A
ARID1B	AT-rich interactive domain-containing protein 1B
ARID2	AT-rich interactive domain-containing protein 2
ATARI	ATr Inhibitor in Combination with Olaparib in Gynaecological Cancers With ARId1A Loss or no Loss
ATCC	American Type Culture Collection
ATM	Ataxia telangiectasia mutated protein
ATR	Ataxia telangiectasia and Rad3 related
ATRi	ATR inhibitor
ATRIP	ATR interacting protein
AUC	Area under curve
AURKA	Aurora kinase A
AURKAI	Aurora kinase A inhibitor
bp	Base pairs
BRAF	v-Raf murine sarcoma viral oncogene homolog B

BRCA 1	Breast cancer 1, early onset gene
BRCA 2	Breast cancer 2, early onset gene
BrDU	5-bromo-2'-deoxyuridine
BRIP1	BRCA1 interacting helicase 1
BSA	Bovine serum albumin
BSO	Buthionine sulfoximine
CA125	Cancer Antigen 125
cBAF	Canonical brahma-related gene 1/brahma (BRG1/BRM)-associated factor
CCLE	Cancer Cell Line Encyclopaedia
CCNE1	Cyclin 1
CCR	Centre for Cancer Research
CDC25A	M-phase inducer phosphatase 1
CDC25C	M-phase inducer phosphatase 3
CDC45	Cell division cycle 45 protein
CDC7	Cell division cycle 7-related protein kinase
CDK	Cyclin dependent kinase
CDK2	Cyclin dependent kinase 2
cDNA	Copy DNA
cGAS	GMP-AMP synthase
CHK1	Checkpoint kinase 1
CHK2	Checkpoint kinase 2
CI	Confidence interval
CK20	cytokeratin 20
CK7	cytokeratin 7

CMV	Cytomegalovirus
cNA	Cytosolic nucleic acid
CRISPR	Clustered regularly interspaced short palindromic repeats
CRISPRa	CRISPR activation
CRISPRi	CRISPR interference
CRISPRn	CRISPR nuclease
CRUK	Cancer Research UK
dCas9	Dead Cas 9
dCK	Deoxycytidine kinase
DCR	Disease control rate
DDR	DNA damage response
DE	Drug effect
DEPC	Diethyl Pyrocarbonate
DMSO	Dimethyl sulfoxide
DNA	Deoxyribonucleic acid
DNA-PK	DNA-dependent protein kinase
dNTP	Deoxynucleoside triphosphate
DSB	Double-strand DNA break
dsDNA	Double-strand DNA
EGFR	Epidermal growth factor
EOC	Epithelial ovarian cancer
ER	Oestrogen receptor
ERBB2	Receptor tyrosine-protein kinase erbB-2
ES	Embryonic stem cells

EZH2	Enhancer of zeste homolog 2
FACS	fluorescence-activated cell sorting
FANCD2	Fanconi anaemia group D2 protein
FBS	Foetal bovine serum
FFPE	Formalin fixed and paraffin embedded
FIGO	International Federation of Gynaecology and Obstetrics
FLT3	Fms Related Receptor Tyrosine Kinase 3
FOXM1	Forkhead Box M1
GCL	Glutamine-cysteine ligase synthetase
GCLC	Glutamate-cysteine ligase synthetase
GIN5	SLD5–PSF1–PSF2–PSF3 complex
GSH	Glutathione
GSS	GSH synthetase
GW	Genome-wide
HDAC6	Histone deacetylase 6
HEAT	Huntington, elongation factor, PP2A, TOR kinase
HGSOC	High grade serous ovarian cancer
HIF-1 α	Hypoxia-inducible factor 1-alpha
HNF1- β	Hepatocyte nuclear factor 1-beta
HR	Homologous Recombination
HR	Hazard ratio
HRD	Homologous recombination deficiency
HRP	Horseradish peroxidase
HRT	Hormone replacement therapy

ICB	Immune checkpoint blockade
ICI	Immune checkpoint inhibitor
ICON7	International Collaboration on Ovarian Neoplasms 7
IF	immunofluorescence
IHC	Immunohistochemistry
IL-6	Interleukin 6
IL6ST	Interleukin 6 Cytokine Family Signal Transducer
IP	Immunoprecipitation
KRAB	Krüppel-associated box
KRAS	Kirsten Rat Sarcoma virus
LGSOC	Low grade serous ovarian cancer
LOF	Loss of function
MC	Mucinous ovarian cancer
MCM	Mini-chromosome maintenance complex
miRNA	Micro RNA
MLH1	MutL protein homolog 1
MMR	Mismatch repair
MOPS	3-(N-morpholino)propanesulfonic acid
MRE11	Double strand break repair nuclease
mRNA	Messenger RNA
MSH2	MutS homolog 2
MSH6	MutS homolog 6
mTOR	Mammalian target of rapamycin
ncBAF	Non-canonical brahma-related gene 1/brahma (BRG1/BRM)-associated factor

NF-κB	Nuclear factor kappa B
NGS	Next generation sequencing
NHEJ	Non-homologous end joining
NICE	National Institute for Health and Care Excellence
NRAS	Neuroblastoma RAS viral oncogene homolog
NSCLC	non-small cell lung cancer
OVCC	Ovarian clear cell carcinoma
OR	Odds ratio
ORC	Origin replication complex
OS	Overall survival
OSR1	Oxidative stress responsive kinase 1
PAM	Protospacer adjacent motif
PAOLA-1	Platine, Avastin and OLAprib in 1st Line
PARP	Poly(ADP)-ribose polymerase
PARPi	Poly(ADP)-ribose polymerase inhibitors
pBAF	Polybromo-associatedl brahma-related gene 1/brahma (BRG1/BRM)-associated factor
PBRM1	Protein polybromo-1
PBS	Phosphate buffered saline
PCA	Principle component analysis
PCR	Polymerase chain reaction
PD-1	Programmed cell death protein 1
PD-L1	Programmed death-ligand 1
PD-L2	Programmed death-ligand 2

PDGFR	platelet-derived growth factor receptor
pegRNA	Prime editing guide RNA
PFS	Progression free survival
PI	Propidium iodide
PI3K	Phosphoinositide 3-kinases
PIK3CA	Phosphatidylinositol-4,5-bisphosphate 3-kinase, catalytic subunit alpha
PIK3IP1	PI3K-interacting protein 1 gene
PIKK	Phosphatidylinositol 3 kinase-related kinase
PLK1	Polo-like kinase 1
PMS2	Post meiotic segregation 1
Pol III	DNA polymerase III
PP1	Protein phosphatase 1
PP2A	Protein phosphatase 2
PPP2CA	Protein Phosphatase 2 Catalytic Subunit Alpha
PPP2R1A	Protein Phosphatase 2 Scaffold Subunit Alpha
PPP2R2A	Protein Phosphatase 2 regulatory subunit B alpha
PPP2R2B	Protein Phosphatase 2 regulatory subunit B beta
PR	Progesterone receptor
PRC2	Polycomb repressive complex 2
PTEN	Phosphatase and tensin homolog
RAD51C	RAD51 paralog C
RAD51D	RAD51 paralog D
RFP	Red fluorescent protein

RIF1	Replication timing regulatory factor 1
RISC	RNA silencing complex
RMH	Royal Marsden Hospital
RNA	Ribonucleic acid
RNR	Ribonucleotide reductase
ROS	Reactive oxygen species
RPA	Replication protein A
SEM	Standard error of the mean
SF	Surviving fraction
SF ₅₀	50% surviving fraction
sgRNA	Single guide RNA
shRNA	Short hairpin RNA
siRNA	Short interfering RNA
SMAP	Small molecule PP2A activators
SMARCA4	SWI/SNF Related, Matrix Associated, Actin Dependent Regulator Of Chromatin, Subfamily A, Member 4
SMARCB1	SWI/SNF-related matrix-associated actin-dependent regulator of chromatin subfamily B member 1
SMG-1	suppressor of morphogenesis in genitalia
SPRY1	Sprouty RTK Signalling Antagonist 1
ssDNA	Single-strand DNA
SSDR	Single strand DNA repair
STAT3	Signal transducer and activator of transcription 3
STING	Stimulator of interferon genes

SWI/SNF	SWItch/Sucrose Non-Fermentable
TCGA	The Cancer Genome Atlas Project
TGF- β	Transforming growth factor beta
TIDE	Tracking of indels by decomposition
TMT	Tandem mass tag
TOP2A	Topoisomerase 2-ALPHA
TOPB1	DNA topoisomerase binding protein 1
TRRAP	Transformation/transcription domain-associated protein
VEGF	vascular endothelial growth factor
VEGFA	vascular endothelial growth factor A
VEGFR1	Vascular endothelial growth factor receptor 1
VEGFR2	Vascular endothelial growth factor receptor 2
VEGFR3	Vascular endothelial growth factor receptor 3
VPR	VP64-p65-Rta
VTE	Venous thromboembolism
WEE1	Mitosis inhibitor protein kinase Wee1
WHO	World Health Organisation
WNK1	With no lysine kinase 1
WT	Wild-type
WT1	Wilms tumour protein 1
YES1	Proto-oncogene tyrosine-protein kinase Yes

Chapter 1. Introduction

1.1 Ovarian cancer

1.1.1 Overview of Ovarian Cancer

Ovarian cancer does not represent a singular disease, rather the term refers to a group of heterogeneous malignancies with unique histopathological features, differing tissues of origin and molecular aberrations. Broadly, ovarian cancer can be classified as malignant epithelial carcinomas (EOC), accounting for approximately 90% of cases, and non-epithelial ovarian cancer, which accounts for the remaining 10%. There are five major histological subtypes of EOC; high grade serous (HGSOC), low grade serous (LGSOC), mucinous (MC), endometrioid (EOC) and clear cell (OCCC) (McCluggage 2011, Banerjee and Kaye 2013). Non-epithelial ovarian cancer refers to a group of malignant germ cell tumours (including dysgerminomas, yolk sac tumours and teratomas) along with potentially malignant sex cord stromal tumours, of which granulosa cell tumours are the most common (Ray-Coquard, Morice et al. 2018). The histological classification together with molecular features associated with each subtype are summarised in Figure 1.1.

Epithelial ovarian cancer (EOC) is the ninth most common cancer in the world and represents the fourth highest cause of cancer death in women (Reid, Permuth et al. 2017, WHO 2020). Despite high initial response rates to treatment with a combination of surgery and chemotherapy, the five-year survival rate for women diagnosed with stage III and IV disease remains 25%

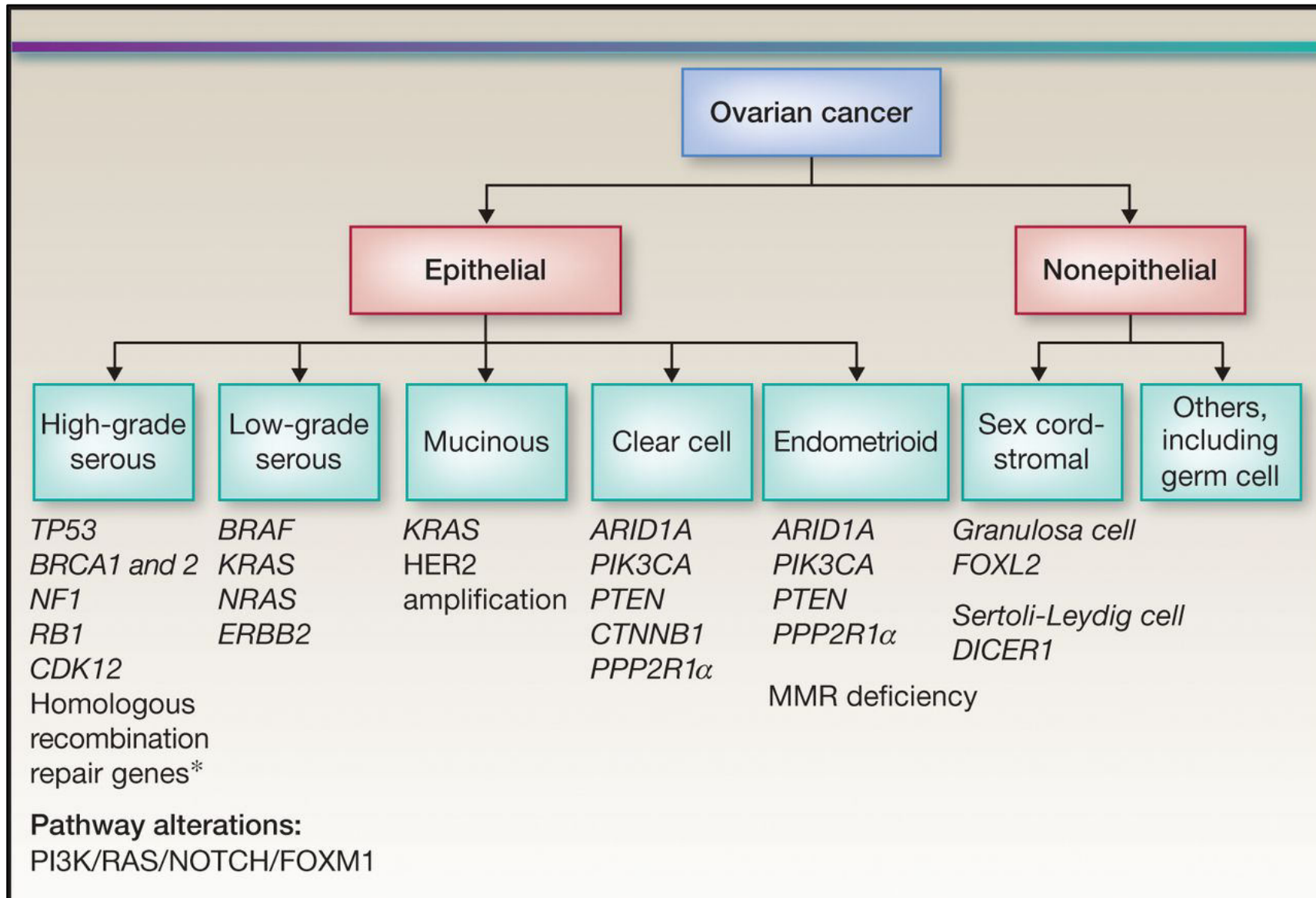


Figure 1.1 Summary of the histological subtypes of ovarian cancer together with their associated driver mutations.

Taken from Banerjee and Kaye (2013)

(Ledermann, Raja et al. 2013). The majority of patients that relapse will go on to receive multiple lines of therapy. Despite these, diminishing treatment-free intervals are common, as is the development of resistant disease

EOC is subdivided into a number of distinct histopathological subtypes, each with its own clinical behaviour and prognosis. High grade serous (HGSOC) is the most common subtype, accounting for approximately 70% of cases (Mackay, Brady et al. 2010, Zhou, Wu et al. 2018). Inherited genetic mutations are responsible for up to 20% of EOC, the majority of which are in the *BRCA1* and *BRCA2* genes, with a lesser contribution from the Lynch syndrome genes (*MLH1*, *MSH2*, *MSH6*, *PMS2*), and other homologous recombination-associated genes such as *BRIP1*, *RAD51C* and *RAD51D* (Stratton, Gayther et al. 1997, Risch, McLaughlin et al. 2001, Kastrinos, Stoffel et al. 2008, Senter, Clendenning et al. 2008, Bonadona, Bonaiti et al. 2011, Loveday, Turnbull et al. 2011, Rafnar, Gudbjartsson et al. 2011, Loveday, Turnbull et al. 2012, Lin-Hurtubise, Yheulon et al. 2013). The prevalence of germline *BRCA1* and *BRCA2* mutations has been estimated to be as high as 17% for serous ovarian cancers, whilst a further 6% of HGSOC harbour a somatic mutation (McCluggage 2011). Other rarer subtypes of EOC include endometrioid (9-11%), low grade serous (10%), mucinous (3%) and clear cell carcinoma (5-13%) (Deavers, Gershenson et al. 2002, McCluggage 2011, Banerjee and Kaye 2013).

1.1.2 Ovarian cancer incidence and mortality

Globally there are 313,959 new cases of ovarian cancer diagnosed each year, with a cumulative lifetime risk of 0.73% (WHO 2020). In the UK, there are approximately 7500 cases of ovarian cancer per year, accounting for 4% of new cancer diagnoses in women (CRUK 2018). Ovarian cancer is predominantly a disease of post-menopausal women, with 80% of cases being identified in women over the age of 50 years (Jayson, Kohn et al. 2014) and 25% of new cases in women aged 75-79 years (CRUK 2018).

Overall survival for women diagnosed with ovarian cancer remains poor, with 207,252 deaths globally each year (WHO 2020). In the UK there are approximately 4,000 deaths due to ovarian cancer each year, accounting for 5% of female cancer deaths (CRUK 2018). In the UK, the one, five and ten year survival is 72, 43 and 35% respectively (CRUK 2018), with little improvement observed over the last two decades. The stage at diagnosis heavily impacts survival in women with ovarian cancer, with a 93% five-year survival for women diagnosed with stage I disease compared to 13% for those women diagnosed with stage IV disease (CRUK 2018).

1.1.3 FIGO staging

Accurate staging of newly diagnoses of ovarian cancer is of vital importance in guiding therapy and prognostication. The International Federation of Gynaecology and Obstetrics (FIGO) staging system is the most widely accepted method for ovarian cancer staging. The FIGO staging system was

updated in 2014 (Table 1.1) and stipulates that, where possible, the grade, histological subtype and organ or origin (e.g. ovary, peritoneum, fallopian tube) should be specified (Prat and Oncology 2015).

1.1.4 Molecular and histological classification of ovarian cancer

The various ovarian cancer subtypes can be differentiated by light microscopy (Prat and Oncology 2014) but are also associated with distinct molecular aberrations; the presence of these molecular alterations not only aids subclassification but also offers a divergence in potential therapeutic options. Analyses performed as part of The Cancer Genome Atlas (TCGA) identified the near ubiquitous presence of *TP53* mutations in HGSOC (Cancer Genome Atlas Research 2011) and tumoural loss of TP53 expression has now been incorporated in the diagnostic pathway for this EOC subtype (Kobel, Piskorz et al. 2016). Serous ovarian cancers often display defects in homologous recombination (HR) in part due to the relative high prevalence of both germline and somatic, *BRCA1* (12%) and *BRCA2* (11%) mutations along with other genes involved in HR including *CDK12* and *RAD50* (Cancer Genome Atlas Research 2011). *Cyclin E* (*CCNE1*) amplification is observed in up to 20% of HGSOCs (Kanska, Zakhour et al. 2016). LGSOC is a distinct clinical entity to HGSOC, with a younger age at presentation, more indolent clinical course, and resistance to standard cytotoxic chemotherapy but prolonged overall survival (OS) (Gershenson 2016). Activating mutations in genes involved in the mitogen activated protein kinase network, including *KRAS*, *BRAF* and *NRAS*, together with *ERBB2* amplification, are frequently observed in LGSOC

STAGE I: Tumor confined to ovaries			
OLD		NEW	
IA	Tumor limited to 1 ovary, capsule intact, no tumor on surface, negative washings/ascites.	IA	Tumor limited to 1 ovary, capsule intact, no tumor on surface, negative washings.
IB	Tumor involves both ovaries otherwise like IA.	IB	Tumor involves both ovaries otherwise like IA.
IC	Tumor involves 1 or both ovaries with any of the following: capsule rupture, tumor on surface, positive washings/ascites.	<i>IC Tumor limited to 1 or both ovaries</i>	
		IC1	<i>Surgical spill</i>
		IC2	<i>Capsule rupture before surgery or tumor on ovarian surface.</i>
		IC3	<i>Malignant cells in the ascites or peritoneal washings.</i>
STAGE II: Tumor involves 1 or both ovaries with pelvic extension (below the pelvic brim) or primary peritoneal cancer			
OLD		NEW	
IIA	Extension and/or implant on uterus and/or Fallopian tubes	IIA	Extension and/or implant on uterus and/or Fallopian tubes
IIB	Extension to other pelvic intraperitoneal tissues	IIB	Extension to other pelvic intraperitoneal tissues
IIC	IIA or IIB with positive washings/ascites.		
Old stage IIC has been eliminated			
STAGE III: Tumor involves 1 or both ovaries with cytologically or histologically confirmed spread to the peritoneum outside the pelvis and/or metastasis to the retroperitoneal lymph nodes			
OLD		NEW	
IIIA	Microscopic metastasis beyond the pelvis.	<i>IIIA (Positive retroperitoneal lymph nodes and /or microscopic metastasis beyond the pelvis)</i>	
		IIIA1	<i>Positive retroperitoneal lymph nodes only</i>
		IIIA1(i)	<i>Metastasis ≤ 10 mm</i>
		IIIA1(ii)	<i>Metastasis > 10 mm</i>
		IIIA2	<i>Microscopic, extrapelvic (above the brim) peritoneal involvement ± positive retroperitoneal lymph nodes</i>
IIIB	Macroscopic, extrapelvic, peritoneal metastasis ≤ 2 cm in greatest dimension.	IIIB	<i>Macroscopic, extrapelvic, peritoneal metastasis ≤ 2 cm ± positive retroperitoneal lymph nodes. Includes extension to capsule of liver/spleen.</i>
IIIC	Macroscopic, extrapelvic, peritoneal metastasis > 2 cm in greatest dimension and/or regional lymph node metastasis.	IIIC	<i>Macroscopic, extrapelvic, peritoneal metastasis > 2 cm ± positive retroperitoneal lymph nodes. Includes extension to capsule of liver/spleen.</i>
STAGE IV: Distant metastasis excluding peritoneal metastasis			
OLD		NEW	
IV	Distant metastasis excluding peritoneal metastasis. Includes hepatic parenchymal metastasis.	IVA	<i>Pleural effusion with positive cytology</i>
		IVB	<i>Hepatic and/or splenic parenchymal metastasis, metastasis to extra-abdominal organs (including inguinal lymph nodes and lymph nodes outside of the abdominal cavity)</i>

Table 1.1 FIGO ovarian, fallopian tube and peritoneal cancer staging system.

Take from Prat *et al* (2015)

(Jones, Wang et al. 2012, Grisham, Sylvester et al. 2015, Hunter, Anglesio et al. 2015). Activating *KRAS* mutations are also a frequent observation in MC (Mackenzie, Kommoss et al. 2015). Both EOC and OCCC are considered to be endometriosis associated cancers (Pearce, Templeman et al. 2012) and are characterised by distinct genetic changes when compared to other EOC subtypes. Both EOC and OCCC display relatively high rates of *ARID1A* loss-of-function together with alterations in the PI3K-AKT pathway including activating *PIK3CA* mutations and *PTEN* loss mutations (Jones, Wang et al. 2010, Wiegand, Lee et al. 2011). OCCC will be discussed in detail in the following section.

1.2 Ovarian clear cell carcinoma

1.2.1 Overview and diagnostic criteria

OCCC accounts for approximately 5-11% of EOC cases and is characterised by a number of distinct histopathological, molecular and clinical features which distinguish it from other EOC subtypes. With respect to histopathology, OCCC is known to have glycogen-containing cells with abundant clear cytoplasm and hobnail cells (Serov 1973). The presence of scanty cytoplasm with large nuclei that extend into the lumen, lining tubules and cysts, define hobnail cells (Ordi, Romagosa et al. 2003). OCCC can be routinely diagnosed through immunohistochemistry. Unlike HGSOC, OCCC usually have a wild-type (WT) pattern of p53 staining (Kobel, Piskorz et al. 2016) and stain negative for Wilms Tumours 1 (WT1), oestrogen receptors (ER) and progesterone receptors (PR)

for cytokeratin 20 (CK20) (McCluggage 2011). Hepatocyte nuclear factor 1- β (HNF1- β) overexpression as determined by immunohistochemistry has been suggested in several studies to be highly specific for OCCC (Tsuchiya, Sakamoto et al. 2003, Kobel, Kalloger et al. 2008). However, HNF1- β immunohistochemistry is not routinely performed in the diagnosis of OCCC.

1.2.2 Clinicopathological features of OCCC

The incidence of OCCC varies according to geographic location. In western populations, OCCC is reported to account for 5-11% of EOC cases (Banerjee and Kaye 2013, Oliver, Brady et al. 2017). Higher incidences of OCCC have been reported amongst women from East Asia, with a rate of 10-11.6 % in Korea (Kim, Lim et al. 2016) and up to 30% in Japan (Okamoto, Glasspool et al. 2014). Women diagnosed with OCCC tend to present at earlier age (median age of presentation of 55 years vs. 64 years for serous carcinoma) and are more likely to present with early-stage disease (Chan, Teoh et al. 2008, Okamoto, Glasspool et al. 2014).

In contrast to HSCOC and EOC, OCCC is not associated with a positive family history, with the main risk factor being nulliparity and endometriosis (Kurian, Balise et al. 2005). A pooled meta-analysis of 13 case-control studies reported an association between self-reported endometriosis and OCC with an odds ratio (OR) of 3.05 (95% CI 2.43-3.84, $p < 0.0001$) (Pearce, Templeman et al. 2012). This is consistent with a more recent study involving the Danish Cancer Register in which an endometriosis diagnosis was associated with an

increased risk of both ovarian cancer and OCCC with ORs of 1.34 (95% CI: 1.16-1.55) and 3.64 (95% CI: 2.36-5.38) respectively (Mogensen, Kjaer et al. 2016). The risk of OCCC is reduced following tubal ligation (OR = 0.35, 95% CI: 0.12 – 1.0) which is thought to be due to reduction in endometriosis arising through retrograde blood flow (Kurian, Balise et al. 2005). The presence of free iron in endometriosis has been proposed as a mechanistic explanation for the association of endometriosis and OCCC through oxidative stress, which can lead to malignant transformation (Yamaguchi, Mandai et al. 2008, Yamada, Shigetomi et al. 2011).

A number of studies have demonstrated an increased risk of venous thromboembolism (VTE) in patients with OCCC. *Duska et al* first reported that patients with a diagnosis of OCCC had a risk of VTE 2.5 times greater than that of patients with other EOC subtypes, despite adequate thromboprophylaxis (Duska, Garrett et al. 2010). These findings were confirmed by a large case-control study performed amongst Japanese patients, which identified that advanced stage (hazard ratio [HR] 3.38, $p < 0.0001$), thrombocytosis (HR 1.42, $p = 0.032$) and elevated IL-6 levels (HR 8.90, $p = 0.046$) were independent predictors of VTE (Matsuo, Hasegawa et al. 2015). Elevated serum IL-6 levels and an upregulation of IL-6 gene expression signatures in tumour cells have previously been observed in OCCC patients and mouse models of the disease (Chandler, Damrauer et al. 2015, Matsuo, Hasegawa et al. 2015).

1.2.3 Genomic landscape of OCCC

Unlike HGSOC, OCCC usually have wild-type (WT) *TP53* and have a much lower frequency of *BRCA1* and *BRCA2* mutations than HGSOC (Kobel, Kalloger et al. 2008, Itamochi, Oishi et al. 2017). Truncating mutations in *ARID1A* are the most commonly observed genetic aberration in OCCC, being observed in 40-57% of cases (Kuo, Mao et al. 2009, Jones, Wang et al. 2010, Wiegand, Lee et al. 2011). Mutations affecting *PIK3CA* (33%), *PPP2R1A* (7-10%) and *KRAS* (5%) are also frequently observed in OCCC, along with *ERBB2* (14%) and *AKT2* (14%) amplifications (Kuo, Mao et al. 2009, Jones, Wang et al. 2010, Shih le, Panuganti et al. 2011, Tan, Iravani et al. 2011). The significance of *ARID1A* mutations and *PPP2R1A* mutations will be discussed in detail in subsequent sections.

Within OCCC, two significant subgroups can be identified based on their mutational status. 26% display a mutational signature associated with apolipoprotein B mRNA editing enzyme, catalytic polypeptide-like (APOBEC) mutation signature (Wang, Bashashati et al. 2017). Indeed, APOBEC mediated kataegis has been proposed as a driver event in OCCC (Shibuya, Tokunaga et al. 2018) and overexpression of APOBEC3B has been associated with improved survival and enhanced response to platinum-based chemotherapy in OCCC (Serebrenik, Argyris et al. 2020). 40% of OCCC cases display an age-related (AGE) mutation signature (Wang, Bashashati et al. 2017).

When compared to HGSOC, the total number of copy number alterations (CNA) are lower in OCCC (Kuo, Mao et al. 2010). However, the proportion of CNAs arising as a result of whole-arm chromosomal alterations is significantly higher in OCCC compared to HGSOC (46.9 % vs 21.7 %, $p < 0.0001$) (Uehara, Oda et al. 2015). In OCCC, chr20q13.2, a region which encodes zinc finger protein 217 (*ZNF217*), is frequently subject to copy number gain, being observed in 20-36% of patients (Kuo, Mao et al. 2010, Tan, Iravani et al. 2011, Jones, Wang et al. 2012). Furthermore, *ZNF217* amplification has been associated with deleterious outcomes in terms of both progression free survival (PFS) and overall survival (OS) in OCCC (Rahman, Nakayama et al. 2012)

1.2.4 Prognosis and standard of care treatment for OCCC

OCCC is associated with resistance to standard cytotoxic chemotherapy compared to other EOC subtypes. Patients newly diagnosed with OCCC tend to do so with earlier stage (stage I/II) disease compared to HGSOC (57%–81% vs 19%–22%) (Chan, Teoh et al. 2008, Kobel, Kalloger et al. 2010, Wentzensen, Poole et al. 2016). In a case series involving patients enrolled in twelve prospective randomized Gynecologic Oncology Group (GOG) studies, there was significantly improved PFS (0.69, 95% CI 0.50 to 0.96) and a trend towards an OS (HR 0.76, 95% CI 0.53 to 1.09) benefit for patients diagnosed with stage I/II OCCC compared to HGSOC (Oliver, Brady et al. 2017). This is consistent with a meta-analysis of twelve randomised control trials, which found no statistically significant difference in OS between patients

diagnosed with early stage OCCC and HGSOE (HR 1.17, 95% CI; 1.01–1.36) (Lee, Kim et al. 2011). However, in the advanced setting, outcomes are much worse for women diagnosed with OCCC compared to other EOC subtype. Analysis of patients enrolled in the GOG studies along with the meta-analysis revealed significantly worse OS for patients diagnosed with stage III/IV OCCC compared to HGSOE; HR 1.66 (95% CI 1.43 to 1.91) (Oliver, Brady et al. 2017) and HR 1.71 (95% CI 1.57 to 1.86) (Lee, Kim et al. 2011) respectively. The poor outcomes in patients diagnosed with advanced stage OCCC in part reflects the relatively low response rates to systemic chemotherapy, which have been reported to be as low as 1-8% in the second-line setting (Pather and Quinn 2005, Takano, Sugiyama et al. 2008).

In the majority of patients with newly diagnosed OCCC the aim is to perform major debulking surgery. In a retrospective analysis of 254 patients who underwent surgery for OCCC, the absence of residual disease was associated with improvements in PFS compared to those patients with residual disease measuring both less than 1 cm in diameter ($p = 0.04$) and greater than 1 cm ($p < 0.01$). In this analysis only residual tumour diameter was an independent prognostic factor in predicting PFS in advanced disease ($p = 0.02$) (Takano, Kikuchi et al. 2006). Adjuvant chemotherapy is recommended for all patients diagnosed with stage 1C2 or greater OCCC (Colombo, Sessa et al. 2019). The benefit of adjuvant chemotherapy in earlier stage OCCC has not been established, and if considered should be discussed with patients on an individual basis (Timmers, Zwinderman et al. 2009, Mizuno, Kajiyama et al. 2012, Takada, Iwase et al. 2012, Colombo, Sessa et al. 2019). Carboplatin

in combination with paclitaxel is the recommended adjuvant chemotherapy regime for OCCC as well as other EOC subtypes (du Bois, Quinn et al. 2005, Colombo, Sessa et al. 2019).

Bevacizumab (Avastin®, Genentech) is a humanised monoclonal antibody that targets vascular endothelial growth factor A (VEGFA). It was the first targeted agent to be licensed as a maintenance therapy following first-line chemotherapy in EOC, based on the results of the ICON7 clinical trial (NICE 2013, Oza, Selle et al. 2017, EMA 2022). ICON7 enrolled patients with both early and late stage OCCC. In the subgroup analysis of patients with OCCC no significant benefit was observed with the addition of bevacizumab to carboplatin and paclitaxel chemotherapy. It should be noted that this subgroup analysis was underpowered and therefore the activity of bevacizumab for this indication cannot be excluded (Oza, Selle et al. 2017).

Poly (ADP-ribose) polymerase inhibitors (PARPi) have revolutionised the treatment landscape of ovarian cancer. The synthetic lethal interaction between PARPi and *BRCA1* and *BRCA2* mutations is discussed in detail in a subsequent chapter but it should be highlighted that the activity of PARPi in ovarian cancer is not limited to those tumours with defects in either *BRCA1* or *BRCA2*. As previously discussed, in the context of OCCC, *BRCA1* and *BRCA2* mutations are observed at much lower frequencies than other EOC subtypes. Olaparib (Lynparza®, AstraZeneca) monotherapy is only licenced as a first-line maintenance therapy in women with stage III/IV high grade EOC

associated with a *BRCA1* or *BRCA2* mutation (NICE 2019). Niraparib (Zejula®, GlaxoSmithKline) is a PARPi which is licenced as a first-line maintenance therapy following response to first-line platinum-based chemotherapy in women diagnosed with stage III or IV high grade EOC, irrespective of *BRCA1* or *BRCA2* mutation status (NICE 2021). Based on the results of the PAOLA-1 clinical trial, olaparib in combination with bevacizumab is licensed as a first-line maintenance therapy, again after first-line platinum-based chemotherapy, in women diagnosed with stage III or IV high grade EOC where there is evidence of homologous recombination deficiency (HRD) as determined by Myriad myChoice® test, irrespective of whether the observed HRD is due to a *BRCA1* or *BRCA2* mutation (NICE 2021). The National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) authorization statement for both niraparib and olaparib with bevacizumab would in theory encompass OCCC due their high grade. However, it should be highlighted that no patients with clear cell histology were enrolled in either the PRIMA or PAOLO-1, the two randomized phase III trials which led to the authorization of niraparib and olaparib with bevacizumab for this indication respectively (Gonzalez-Martin, Pothuri et al. 2019, Ray-Coquard, Pautier et al. 2019). Therefore, PARPi are not routinely used in the context of OCCC despite their market authorization.

1.2.5 Future treatment strategies for OCCC

Despite the distinct clinicopathological and molecular features of OCCC, patients with this disease subtype have historically been included in clinical trials alongside other subtypes of EOC, perhaps going some way to explaining

the poor outcomes and lack of progress for this patient cohort. There is clearly a great need in OCCC to develop biomarker-driven treatments that will lead to clinically meaningful improvements in patient outcomes.

Experimental treatment strategies for OCCC can be divided in to three broad categories:

1. *ARID1A* synthetic lethal approaches
2. Immune checkpoint blockade (ICB)
3. Anti-angiogenic therapy

The function of *ARID1A* in normal and cancer cells, along with the synthetic lethal interactions currently being exploited in the context of OCCC, will be discussed in detail in the following chapter.

ICB refers the inhibition of immunoregulatory proteins, routinely using monoclonal antibodies, in order to elicit an anti-tumour immune response. Regulatory T cells and activated cytotoxic T cells express cytotoxic T lymphocyte-associated protein 4 (CTLA4), a CD28 homology with a higher binding affinity for the T-cell activating receptor B7 (Buchbinder and Desai 2016). Immune priming and a reduction in regulatory T-cell mediated suppression of inflammatory responses are two mechanisms through which CTLA4-directed monoclonal antibodies are proposed to promote an anti-tumour immune response (Fife and Bluestone 2008). Programmed cell death protein 1 (PD-1) is a negative co-stimulatory receptor, the expression of which is largely confined to activated T cells (Keir, Butte et al. 2008). Binding of

Programmed death-ligand 1 (PD-L1) or Programmed death-ligand 2 (PD-L2) to PD1 leads to the downregulation of immune responses (Pardoll 2012). Therefore, the disruption of this interaction is the target of several immune checkpoint inhibitors (ICIs). The presence or absence of an anti-tumour immune response is not solely dictated by the activity of immune co-stimulatory receptors, but also immune regulatory pathways operating within cancer cells including the cyclic GMP-AMP synthase (cGAS)-stimulator of interferon genes (STING) pathway. Cytosolic nucleic acids (cNA) a by-product of cancer-associated replication stress and ruptured micronuclei, are detected by cGAS which catalyses the conversion ATP and GTP into 2',3'-cyclic GMP-AMP (cGAMP) (Ablasser, Goldeck et al. 2013, Sun, Wu et al. 2013). This activates a signalling cascade through STING and involving TANK binding kinase 1 (TBK1) and interferon regulatory factor 3 (IRF3) which culminates in the expression of immune stimulated genes and type 1 interferons, thereby promoting an anti-tumour immune response (Sun, Wu et al. 2013, Liu, Cai et al. 2015, Zhao, Du et al. 2019). Importantly, the therapeutic effect of anti-PD-L1 antibody was abolished in cGAS deficient mice highlighting the importance of this pathway to response to ICB (Wang, Hu et al. 2017). The activation of the cCAS-STING pathway has therefore garnered attention as a potential anti-cancer therapeutic approach.

The arrival of ICB has not brought about the same improvements in patient outcomes in EOC as it has in other tumour types such as melanoma, lung cancer and urothelial cancer. Several clinical studies have suggested increased sensitivity of OCCC to ICB. In the phase II study of nivolumab, a

fully human monoclonal immunoglobulin G4 antibody to PD-1, in platinum resistant ovarian cancer, two of the twenty enrolled patients achieved a complete response (CR), one of which had clear cell histology and achieved a durable complete response (Hamanishi, Mandai et al. 2015). Consistently, among the two OCCC patients treated with avelumab, monoclonal antibody of isotype IgG1 against PD-1, in the phase 1b JAVELIN trial, one had a partial response (PR) and the other one had an immune-related PR (Disis, Taylor et al. 2019). The KEYNOTE-100 in which patients were treated with the pembrolizumab, a humanised monoclonal antibody against PD-L1, study enrolled 376 relapsing EOC, of whom 19 were OCCC. The response rate was 15.8 % (95 % CI 3.4 %–39.6 %) in OCCC, compared to 8.5 % (95 %CI 5.5 %–12.4 %) in HGSOE (Matulonis, Shapira-Frommer et al. 2019). Finally, the randomized phase II NRG GY003 trial compared the combination ipilimumab, a fully human anti-CTLA-4 monoclonal antibody, and nivolumab to nivolumab in relapsing EOC. Patients with OCCC (n = 12) had an approximately five-fold greater odds (OR = 5.21; 95 %CI 1.37–19.77) of response compared with the other subtypes (n = 88) (Zamarin, Burger et al. 2020). Based on these observations, several clinical trials have sought to establish the role for ICB in treatment of OCCC.

In addition to the anecdotal evidence from clinical trials supporting the use of ICB in the treatment, there is a rationale to employ this class of drugs in ARID1A-defective cancers. Loss of ARID1A function has been associated with increased microsatellite instability, tumour mutational burden and response to ICB. ARID1A is proposed to recruit the MutS homolog 2 (MSH2) to chromatin

thereby promoting mismatch repair. The loss of this interaction correlated with a microsatellite instability genomic signature with a predominant C>T mutation pattern and increased mutational load across multiple tumour types (Shen, Ju et al. 2018). Consistent with this data, a bioinformatic analysis of cases of gastric cancer found an association between *ARID1A* mutations and increased immune activity, which was linked to increase tumour mutational burden (Li, Li et al. 2019). Tumour cell-line allografts formed by an *Arid1a*-deficient ovarian cancer cell line in syngeneic mice displayed increased mutation load, elevated numbers of tumour-infiltrating lymphocytes, and PD-L1 expression. Notably, treatment with anti-PD-L1 antibody reduced tumour burden and prolonged survival of mice bearing *ARID1A*-deficient but not *ARID1A*-proficient ovarian tumours (Shen, Ju et al. 2018).

Inhibition of the ataxia-telangiectasia mutated (*ATM*)-checkpoint kinase 2 (*CHK2*) axis has been shown to promote cGAS-STING activation and potentiate ICB in *ARID1A* deficient tumours (Wang, Yang et al. 2020). Whilst a similar effect has not been directly reported with Ataxia telangiectasia and Rad3 related (*ATR*) inhibition, the rationale for combining *ATR* inhibitor (*ATRi*) with immune checkpoint blockade (ICB) is two-fold. Firstly, *ATR* inhibition results in the proteasome dependent reduction in PD-L1 expression in cancer cells leading to enhanced immune cell infiltration (Sun, Yang et al. 2018). In addition, *ATR* inhibition attenuates irradiation-induced PD-L1 upregulation and decreases the number of tumour-infiltrating regulatory T cells (T_{regs}) in mouse models (Vendetti, Karukonda et al. 2018, Dillon, Bergerhoff et al. 2019, Sheng, Huang et al. 2020). *ATR* inhibition is associated with increased replication

stress and aberrant cell cycle checkpoints culminating in chromosome segregation defects and the formation of micro-nuclei, as outlined in detail in a subsequent section. cNA release from these micronuclei has been shown to result in cGAS-STING activation with the consequence of increasing inflammatory cell infiltration as well as PD-L1 expression on cancer cells (Harlin, Meng et al. 2009, Diamond, Kinder et al. 2011, Harding, Benci et al. 2017, Mackenzie, Carroll et al. 2017), with the potential to enhance the response to ICB.

MOCCA/APGOT-OV2/GCGS-OV3 was a randomized phase III trial in which patients with relapsed OCCC were randomized to receive either the programmed cell death ligand 1 (PD-L1) specific monoclonal antibody durvalumab (Infinzmi®, AstraZeneca) or physicians choice chemotherapy. In this randomized trial, no significant difference in terms of overall response (OR), PFS or disease control rate (DCR) was observed between the treatment groups (Tan, Choi et al. 2022). Despite the negative outcome of this trial, the results from several other ongoing trials of ICB in OCCC are eagerly awaited (Table 1.2).

Angiogenesis is one of the original hallmarks of cancer described by Hanahan and Weinberg (Hanahan and Weinberg 2000) and it's targeting has been explored as a potential for OCCC. Mabuchi *et al* observed increased levels of vascular endothelial growth factor (VEGF) by IHC in cases of both early and late OCCC and showed *in vivo* that bevacizumab inhibited the growth of OCCC tumour cell line xenografts (Mabuchi, Kawase et al. 2010). Furthermore,

Trial name	NCT Identifier	Phase	Design	Treatment	Reference
PEACOCC	NCT03425565	II	Single arm	Pembrolizumab 200mg, 3 weekly	(University College 2018)
-	NCT03026062	II	Single arm	Either: Sequential tremelimumab 1500 mg 4 weekly for 4 cycles followed by or durvalumab 1500 mg 4 weekly for 9 cycles Or Tremelimumab 1500 mg and durvalumab 1500 mg 4 weekly for 9 cycles	(Center 2017)
BrUOG 354	NCT03355976	II	Randomized	Nivolumab 240mg every 2 weeks +/- ipilimumab 1mg/kg every 6 weeks	(Brown, Bristol-Myers et al. 2017)

Table 1.2 Summary of ongoing clinical trials or clinical trials waiting to report involving ICB in OCCC.

the interleukin 6 (IL6)/signal transducer and activator of transcription 3 (STAT3)/hypoxia inducible factor pathway, a key mediator of angiogenesis, has been shown to be upregulated in OCCC with increased circulating levels of IL-6 observed in both OCCC patients and in mouse models of the disease (Anglesio, George et al. 2011, Chandler, Damrauer et al. 2015). These findings led to the development of the NICCC/ENGOT-OV36 (NCT02866370), a randomized phase II clinical trial in which patients with relapsed OCCC were treated with either nintedanib or physicians choice chemotherapy (Glasspool, Mcneish et al. 2020). Nintedanib is a multi-target tyrosine kinase inhibitor which blocks platelet-derived growth factor receptor (PDGFR) α and β ; fibroblast growth factor receptor (FGFR) 1, 2, and 3; vascular endothelial growth factor receptor (VEGFR) 1, 2, and 3; and FLT3, key components of the angiogenic pathway (Hilberg, Roth et al. 2008). Whilst the trial failed to demonstrate superiority of nintedanib over standard of care chemotherapy, translational work is ongoing, including correlation of responses with soluble VEGF and VEGFR levels to determine if there are subgroups of OCCC patients who could benefit (Glasspool, Mcneish et al. 2020). Additionally, the activity of nintedanib within the trial warrants further exploration as to whether it could be combined with other agents, including ICB, to enhance response rates.

1.3 Synthetic lethality as a therapeutic approach to ovarian clear cell carcinoma

1.3.1 Synthetic lethality and the PARP/BRCA paradigm

The term synthetic lethality refers to the situation in biology wherein defects in a gene or protein is tolerated by a cell but when combined, or “synthesised”, with defects in another gene or protein is associated with a reduction in viability, Figure 1.2 (Lord, Tutt et al. 2015). PARPi have transformed the treatment landscape of ovarian cancer, exploiting synthetic lethality to kill cancer cells whilst sparing normal tissue from cytotoxicity. Historically, the PARPi/BRCA synthetic lethal interaction was thought to arise from PARP being an integral component of the single strand DNA repair (SSDR) pathway. PARP1 detects and binds to single strand DNA breaks and PARP inhibition was thought to lead to the accumulation of ssDNA breaks, which, if they persist in the face of DNA replication, can give rise to double strand DNA breaks (DSBs)(McGlynn and Lloyd 2002, Farmer, McCabe et al. 2005). *BRCA1* and *BRCA2* are intimately involved in homologous recombination (HR), a process in which DSBs are repaired. When defects in either gene are present, the DNA damage produced as a consequence of PARP inhibition goes unrepaired, resulting in cell cycle arrest and cell death (Ashworth 2008).

The historical assumption that the cytotoxic effect of PARPi arises through the catalytic inhibition of PARP activity, and the resulting SSBR deficit, was

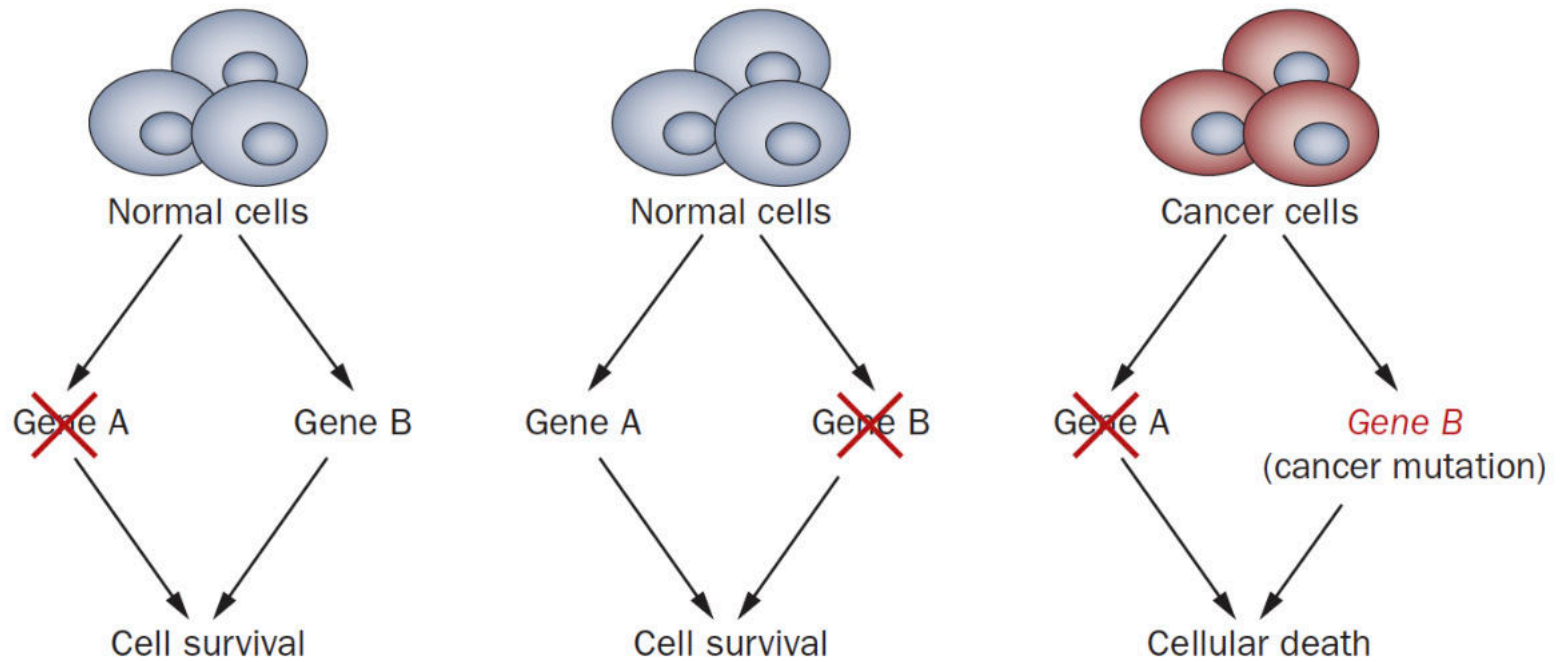


Figure 1.2 Schematic explaining synthetic lethality. Loss of either Gene A or Gene B is tolerated due to the compensating action of the unaltered gene. In cancer cells, a mutation in Gene B leaves cells vulnerable to defects in Gene A. Taken from (Rehman, Lord et al. 2010).

PARP inhibitor	Indication	BRCA/HRD status	Treatment Line	Setting	Maintenance/treatment	Reference
Olaparib (Lynparza®, AstraZenca)	Stage III/IV high grade EOC	BRCAmut	1 st line	Platinum sensitive	Maintenance	(NICE 2019)
Olaparib with bevacizumab	Stage III/IV high grade EOC	HRD positive	1 st line	Platinum sensitive	Maintenance	(NICE 2021)
Niraparib (Zejula®, GlaxoSmithKline)	Relapsed/recurrent HGSOC	BRCAwt + BRCAmut	2 nd line and beyond	Platinum sensitive	Maintenance	(NICE 2022)
Rucaparib (Rubraca®, Clovis)	Relapsed/recurrent HGSOC	BRCAwt + BRCAmut	2 nd line and beyond	Platinum sensitive	Maintenance	(NICE 2019)

Table 1.3 Summary of the current NICE appraisals for the three PARPi licenced for the treatment of ovarian cancer.

challenged by the observation that PARPi cytotoxicity is reversed when PARP1 is itself not expressed (Murai, Huang et al. 2012, Pettitt, Rehman et al. 2013, Murai, Huang et al. 2014). Indeed, the observed variability in cytotoxicity between different PARPi *in vitro* despite having the same effect on PARP catalytic activity has been attributed to differential ability to trap PARP on DNA.

Talazoparib displays a 100-fold greater ability to trap PARP than niraparib, which has a greater PARP trapping ability than both olaparib and rucaparib whilst veliparib has very little ability to trap PARP (Hopkins, Ainsworth et al. 2019). Trapping of PARP1 and PARP2 at sites of DNA damage, and the accompanied recruitment of other proteins, results in the formation of a large DNA adduct (Ahel, Horejsi et al. 2009, Gottschalk, Trivedi et al. 2012, Murai, Huang et al. 2012), analogous to the lesion formed by exposure to the topoisomerase II inhibitor etoposide (Pommier, Leo et al. 2010). DNA lesions form a block to replication fork progression leading to their collapse thereby eliciting a DNA damage response. The HR deficiency associated with *BRCA1* and *BRCA2* deficiency impairs a cell's ability to process the DNA lesions caused by trapped PARP, providing a mechanistic basis for the PARP/BRCA synthetic lethal interaction (Lord and Ashworth 2017).

More recently, an additional potential mechanism for the PARP/BRCA synthetic lethal interaction has been proposed. PARP1 has been implicated in the detection and processing of Okazaki fragments (Vaitsiankova, Burdova et al. 2022), short DNA sequences which are produced discontinuously before being ligate to form the lagging strand during DNA replication (Okazaki 2017).

Single strand DNA (ssDNA) gaps are common intermediates encountered on the lagging strand and are more frequently observed in cells with *BRCA1* and *BRCA2* mutations due to a failure to stall replication under conditions of replication stress (Panzarino, Kraiss et al. 2021). Imposing PARP inhibition in cells with *BRCA1* or *BRCA2* mutations therefore results in the accumulation of ssDNA gaps, which is in itself toxic to cells (Cong, Peng et al. 2021). The cytotoxic effect of PARPi in cells with *BRCA1* mutations was reversed by factors that restrained the accumulation of ssDNA gaps including the loss of p53-binding protein 1 (53BP1) (Cong, Peng et al. 2021), a known cause of PARPi resistance (Jaspers, Kersbergen et al. 2013).

Currently, there are three PARPi licensed for use in the context of ovarian cancer and their NICE appraisal guidance is summarised in Table 1.3. Exploiting the PARPi/BRCA synthetic lethal interaction using PARPi is not unique to ovarian cancer but has been employed in the treatment of prostate (Mateo, Porta et al. 2020), breast (Robson, Goessl et al. 2017, Litton, Hurvitz et al. 2020, Tutt, Garber et al. 2021) and pancreatic (Golan, Hammel et al. 2019) cancers associated with homologous recombination defects. All three of the PARPi licenced for the treatment are inhibitors of PARP1, 2 and 3. Recently, PARPi inhibitor with greater selectivity towards PARP1 vs. PARP2 (AZD3505) which also traps PARP1 has been described and its use was associated with lower levels of haematological toxicity in animal models (Illuzzi, Staniszewska et al. 2022). Indeed, in the phase 1 study of AZD3505, dose modifications were required in 3% of patients enrolled, compared to 53%

observed in the phase I studies for first generation PARPi such as olaparib (Yap, Im et al. 2022).

1.3.2 The SWI/SNF complex

In eukaryotic cells over 2 m of DNA is tightly condensed into chromatin within a nucleus measuring less than 5 µm. Accessing this highly compact structure poses a significant challenge. Nucleosomes comprise the basic unit of chromatin, consisting of approximately 147 DNA base pairs wrapped around a histone octamer (Allis and Jenuwein 2016). Chromatin remodelers enable dynamic access to this highly compact structure by transcriptional regulators and DNA repair proteins. SWI/SNF (SWItch/Sucrose Non-Fermentable) complexes are a sub-family of chromatin remodelers which catalyse ATP to mediate nucleosome sliding or ejection (Bao and Shen 2007). Three mature SWI/SNF complexes have been described to date; the canonical brahma-related gene 1/brahma (BRG1/BRM)-associated factor (cBAF) complex, the polybromo-associated BAF (PBAF) complex, and the newly defined non-canonical BAF (ncBAF) complex (Figure 1.3) (Mashtalir, D'Avino et al. 2018, Michel, D'Avino et al. 2018, Chabanon, Morel et al. 2020).

Mutations in the genes encoding the SWI/SNF components are among the most frequently observed in cancer, being found in 20-25% of all cases (Kadoch, Hargreaves et al. 2013, Shain and Pollack 2013). The vast majority of these mutations result in loss of function phenotypes, suggesting they function as tumour suppressor genes in normal cells. Indeed, genetically

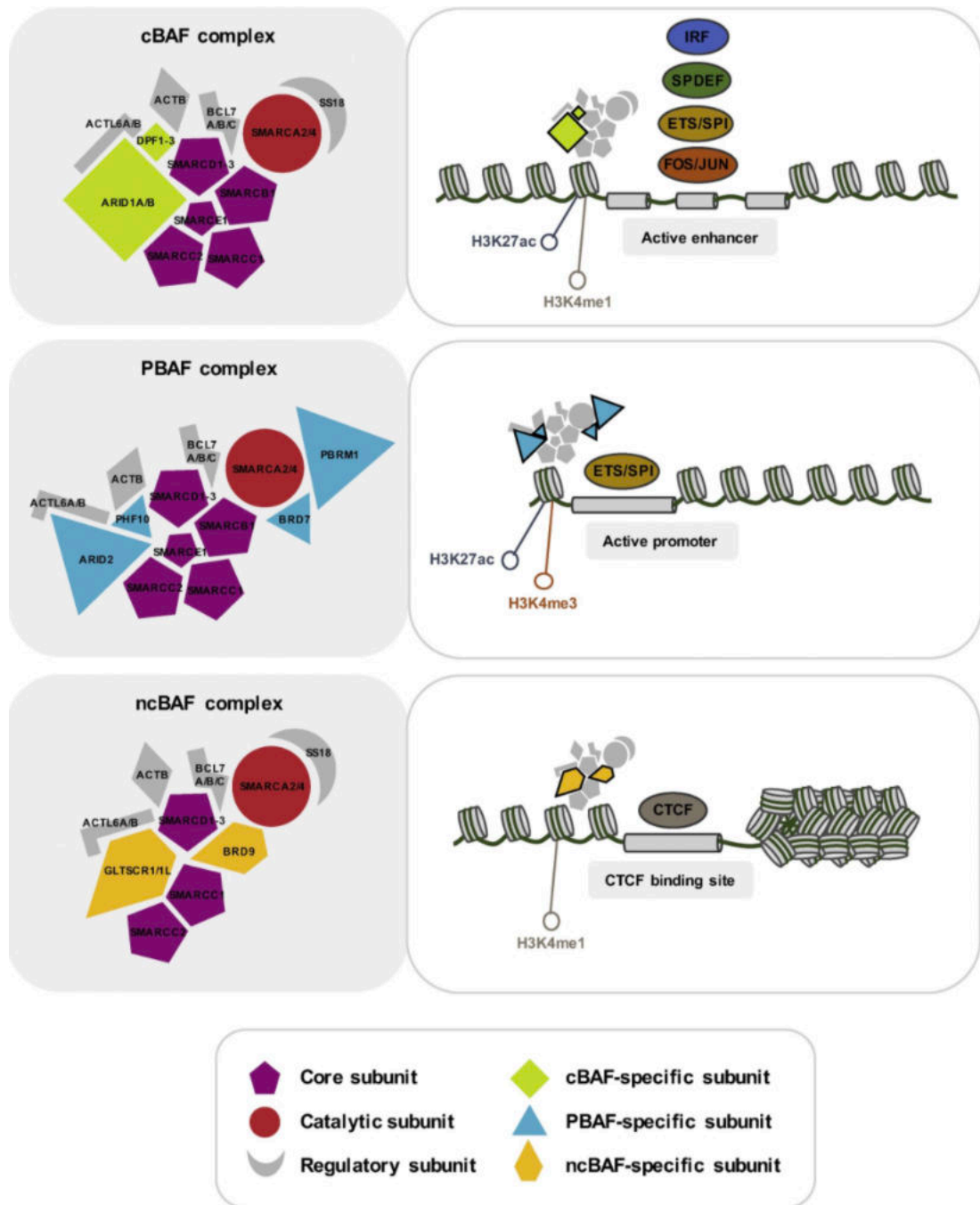


Figure 1.3 Structure and genomic targeting of the cBAF, PBAF and ncBAF complexes. Each complex is composed of three or five core subunits (SMARCC1, SMARCC2, SMARCD1-3, SMARCB1 and SMARCE1), one ATPase subunit (SMARCA2 or SMARCA4), multiple complex-specific subunits and several additional regulatory subunits. Subunit composition determines substrate specificity. cBAF predominantly localise at active enhancers associated with IRF, SPDEF, ETS/SPI or FOS/JUN transcription factors. PBAF complexes predominantly localise at active enhancers associated with the ETS/SPI transcription factor. cBAF complexes are predominantly enriched at CTCF-binding sites. Adapted from *Chabanon et al* (Semin Cancer Biol, 2020).

engineered mouse models of loss of function mutations affecting *Smarca1*, *Arid1a*, *Smarca4* or *Pbrm1* leads to tumour development (Bultman, Herschkowitz et al. 2008, Chandler, Damrauer et al. 2015, Gu, Cohn et al. 2017, Mathur, Alver et al. 2017). The exact mechanism through which these highly prevalent mutations promote tumorigenesis, whether dysregulated transcription or impaired DNA damage response, remains a matter of debate but is likely to be context specific.

1.3.3 ARID1A in normal tissue and cancer

ARID1A (AT-rich interactive domain-containing protein 1A) along with its paralog ARID1B are components of the cBAF complex (Mashtalir, D'Avino et al. 2018) and are responsible for DNA binding (Chandler, Brennan et al. 2013). Loss of *Arid1a* in mice is associated with embryonic lethality due to defects cell self-renewal, differentiation, and cell lineage decisions (Gao, Tate et al. 2008), highlighting its role in development. Loss of ARID1A has been shown to result in aberrant cell cycle control (Nagl, Patsialou et al. 2005). ARID1A also plays a role in HR, which functions as the predominant DSB repair pathway in dividing cells (Watanabe, Ui et al. 2014, Shen, Peng et al. 2015).

ARID1A mutations resulting in loss of ARID1A function are observed in approximately 6% of all cancers (Helming, Wang et al. 2014). Relatively high frequencies of *ARID1A* mutations have been detected in OCCC (35-75%) (Jones, Wang et al. 2010, Maeda, Mao et al. 2010, Wiegand, Shah et al. 2010, Khalique, Naidoo et al. 2018), endometrial cancer (40-55%) (Guan, Mao et al.

2011, Liang, Cheung et al. 2012, Cancer Genome Atlas Research, Kandoth et al. 2013), gastric cancer (20-30%) (Wu and Roberts 2013), bladder cancer (20%)(Wu and Roberts 2013), pancreatic cancer (13%) (Zhang, Mao et al. 2022) and colorectal cancer (12%) (Tokunaga et al., 2020) amongst others.

Heterozygous *ARID1A* mutations are associated with loss, or at least a significant reduction, in *ARID1A* protein expression (Wiegand, Shah et al. 2010, Miller, Brough et al. 2016). Khalique *et al* assessed the concordance of *ARID1A* expression as assessed by IHC in a range of gynaecological cancers, finding 100% concordance with mutational status with one of three commercially antibodies tested (Khalique, Naidoo et al. 2018) although this has not been born out in other studies (Table 1.4). As previously discussed, *ARID1A* is the most frequently mutated gene in OCCC (35-75%) (Jones, Wang et al. 2010, Maeda, Mao et al. 2010, Wiegand, Shah et al. 2010, Khalique, Naidoo et al. 2018) and is associated with loss of protein expression (Lowery, Schildkraut et al. 2012, Yamamoto, Tsuda et al. 2012). The presence of *ARID1A* mutations with the associated loss of protein is observed across a range of gynaecological malignancies, which are summarised in Table 1.4.

1.3.4 *ARID1A* synthetic lethal interactions

Due to the relatively high incidence of *ARID1A* loss of function (LOF) mutations across cancer types there has been a focus on the identification of synthetic

	ARID1A gene mutation	Ref	ARID1A loss of expression	Ref
Ovarian clear cell carcinoma	35-75% (median 52%)	(Jones, Wang et al. 2010, Maeda, Mao et al. 2010, Wiegand, Shah et al. 2010, Khaliq, Naidoo et al. 2018)	15 - 75%	(Ayhan et al., 2012; Katagiri, Nakayama, Rahman, Rahman, Katagiri, Nakayama, et al., 2012; Lowery et al., 2012; Maeda et al., 2010; Samartzis et al., 2012; Wiegand et al., 2010; Xiao, Awadallah, & Xin, 2012; Yamamoto et al., 2012a; Yamamoto, Tsuda, Takano, Tamai, & Matsubara, 2012)
Ovarian endometrioid carcinoma	30-63% (median 47%)	(Khaliq et al., 2018; Wiegand et al., 2010)	31 - 55% (median 45%)	(Wiegand, Shah et al. 2010, Ayhan, Mao et al. 2012, Khaliq, Naidoo et al. 2018)
Endometrial clear cell carcinoma	17%	(Cerami, Gao et al. 2012, Gao, Aksoy et al. 2013)	20-26% (median 21%)	(Wiegand, Lee et al. 2011, Fadare, Renshaw et al. 2012, Fadare, Gwin et al. 2013, Werner, Berg et al. 2013)
Endometrial endometrioid carcinoma	40-55% (median 46%)	(Guan, Mao et al. 2011, Liang, Cheung et al. 2012, Cancer Genome Atlas Research, Kandoth et al. 2013)	19-34% (median 26%)	(Guan, Mao et al. 2011, Wiegand, Lee et al. 2011, Rahman, Nakayama et al. 2013, Werner, Berg et al. 2013)
Cervical adenocarcinoma carcinoma	17%	(Cerami, Gao et al. 2012, Gao, Aksoy et al. 2013)	9-31% (median 28%)	(Guan, Mao et al. 2011, Katagiri, Nakayama et al. 2012, Cho, Kim et al. 2013)
Cervical squamous cell carcinoma	7%	(Cerami, Gao et al. 2012, Gao, Aksoy et al. 2013)	7-16% (median 12%)	(Katagiri, Nakayama et al. 2012, Cho, Kim et al. 2013)
Endometrial carcinosarcoma	20%	(Cerami, Gao et al. 2012, Gao, Aksoy et al. 2013)	-	
Ovarian carcinosarcoma	80%	(Cerami, Gao et al. 2012, Gao, Aksoy et al. 2013)	-	

Table 1.4 Summary of ARID1A mutation and loss of expression frequency in gynaecological cancers.

lethal partners which could be targeted in order to treat ARID1A-deficient cancers, including OCCC. The synthetic lethal interaction between *ARID1A* and Ataxia telangiectasia mutated and Rad3 Related protein kinase (ATR) is the most pertinent to the work contained within this thesis and will be discussed in detail in the subsequent sections.

ARID1A has been proposed to be recruited to double-strand DNA breaks (DSBs) via an interaction with ATR (Shen, Peng et al. 2015). Recruitment of ARID1A to DSBs facilitates efficient processing of DNA ends, producing single stranded DNA which becomes coated in replication protein A (RPA) thereby sustaining the DNA damage signal and promoting cycle arrest. Cells lacking ARID1A display an impaired G₂/M phase DNA damage response and a subsequent sensitivity to the PARPi talazoparib. Buffering between overlapping or partially overlapping functions of paralog pairs that control essential functions, such as *ARID1A* and *ARID1B*, is one way in which cancer cells can tolerate LOF mutations (De Kegel and Ryan 2019). Therefore, targeting paralogs is one way of exploiting synthetic lethality to treat cancer. Project Achilles exploited a short-hairpin RNA (shRNA) screening approach in a range of cancer cell lines to identify context-specific dependencies (Cheung, Cowley et al. 2011, Cowley, Weir et al. 2014). Using data from Project Achilles, *ARID1B* was identified as the number one gene preferentially required for viability in *ARID1A* cells. Cancer cells with ARID1A mutations usually retain at least one functional *ARID1B* allele. *ARID1B* gene silencing in cell lines with a pre-existing *ARID1A* mutation resulted in destabilization of the SWI/SNF complex and impaired cell growth (Helming, Wang et al. 2014). More recently,

the same group which led Project Achilles expanded their analysis to include 501 cell lines (Tsherniak, Vazquez et al. 2017). This study identified genes encoding several SWI/SNF complex subunits, including *SMARCA4*, *SMARCB1* and *SMARCE1*, as *ARID1A* specific dependencies (Tsherniak, Vazquez et al. 2017)

Enhancer of zeste homolog 2 (EZH2) is a component of the polycomb repressive complex 2 (PRC2), which functions to repress gene expression via histone H3 trimethylation. Two separate groups identified EZH2 as a synthetic lethal partner of *ARID1A* using orthogonal approaches (Bitler, Aird et al. 2015, Kim, Kim et al. 2015). Pharmacological inhibition of EZH2 with the small molecule GSK126 resulted in apoptosis in *ARID1A* mutant cancer cell lines and induced tumour regression of *ARID1A*-deficient tumour cell line xenografts. Mechanistically, the synthetic lethal interaction was attributed to increased expression of the PRC2 target gene PI3K-interacting protein 1 gene (*PIK3IP1*), an endogenous inhibitor of the PI3K-AKT pathway (Bitler, Aird et al. 2015). *EZH2* gene silencing reduced viability in a range of *ARID1A* mutant tumour cell lines, including several OCCC cell lines (Kim, Kim et al. 2015). Patients with *ARID1A*-deficient cancers are currently being enrolled in phase II basket study of the EZH2 inhibitor tazemetostat (Prisma and Epizyme 2021). A further study exploring the use of tazemetostat specifically in *ARID1A* mutant relapsed OCCC is currently active, although recruitment has been halted (National Cancer and Oncology 2017).

Subsequent work by Bitler *et al* demonstrated that ARID1A mutant ovarian cancers are dependent on the activity of histone deacetylase 6 (HDAC6). Mechanistically, ARID1A represses HDAC6 transcription. Thus, in the absence of functional ARID1A, HDAC6 transcription is increased and leads to the inhibition of the apoptotic function of p53 via acetylation of lysine 120. Pharmacological inhibition of HDAC6 resulted in improved survival in mouse models with OCCC tumour cell line xenografts (Bitler, Wu et al. 2017).

In the context of OCCC, LOF *ARID1A* mutations frequently co-occur with activating hotspot mutations in *PIK3CA* (Kuo, Mao et al. 2009). *ARID1A* gene silencing in the breast epithelial cell line MCF7 resulted in increased sensitivity to AKT-inhibitors MK-2206 and perifosine along with the PI3K-inhibitor buparlisib, a phenotype that which was also observed in OCCC cell lines with naturally occurring *ARID1A* mutations (Samartzis, Gutsche et al. 2014). This was supported in preclinical models of gastric cancer, in which ARID1A was shown to suppress *PIK3CA* transcription. In the absence of ARID1A, increased transcription of *PIK3CA* results in sustained PI3K-AKT signalling culminating to an addiction to the pathway in a process coined oncogene addiction (Weinstein and Joe 2006, Zhang, Yan et al. 2016). The ensuing dependence on PI3K-AKT signalling and sensitivity to small molecule inhibitors of the pathway (Zhang, Yan et al. 2016).

Dasatinib, a multi-drug kinase inhibitor, was identified via a high throughput drug screen performed in twelve OCCC cell lines (Miller, Brough et al. 2016). Dasatinib sensitivity was observed *in vitro* with OCCC cell lines harbouring

naturally occurring *ARD1A* mutations and in ARID1A-deficient tumour cell line xenografts. The dasatinib response in these models was characterised by arrest in cell cycle phase G1 and increased apoptosis. Using sepharose-linked dasatinib beads and subsequent proteomic assessment, the dasatinib target Proto-oncogene tyrosine-protein kinase Yes (YES1) was found to be activated in *ARID1A* mutant cells. YES1 gene silencing rescued dasatinib sensitivity in *ARID1A* mutant OCCC cell lines (Miller, Brough et al. 2016). The efficacy of dasatinib in recurrent ovarian and endometrial clear cell carcinoma associated with an *ARID1A* mutation was assessed in a single arm phase II study. However, the response rate in this study was 3.8% (1/28) and mean PFS was 2.14 months (95% CI; 1.58 – 7.29 months) (National Cancer and Oncology 2016) suggesting that other clinical approaches to targeting ARID1A defects are still required.

More recently, another high throughput drug screen performed in an *ARID1A* isogenic model of colorectal cancer identified aurora kinase A (*AURKA*) as a synthetic lethal partner to ARID1A. In a similar theme to *ARID1A* and *PIK3CA* interaction, ARID1A represses *AURKA* transcription (Wu, Lyu et al. 2018). ARID1A dysfunction leads to persistent Aurora A activation together with its downstream effector M-phase inducer phosphatase 3 (CDC25C), culminating in an addiction to the pathway (Weinstein and Joe 2006, Wu, Lyu et al. 2018). Exposure to Aurora A inhibitors (AURKai) was associated with reduced viability of ARID1A mutant cancer cells both *in vivo* and *in vitro* (Wu, Lyu et al. 2018). ENMD-2076 is an orally active AURKai, which also targets VEGFR, which was trialled in a phase II study enrolling women with relapsed OCCC

(Lheureux, Tinker et al. 2018). Although the trial did not meet its pre-defined primary end-point (6 month PFS rate 22%), loss of ARID1A expression, as determined by IHC, was associated with improved 6 month PFS compared with those cases which demonstrated ARID1A expression (33% vs 12%; $p = 0.023$) (Lheureux, Tinker et al. 2018).

The final *ARID1A* synthetic lethal interaction that has been described to date is that with glutathione metabolism. Cell survival relies on intracellular reactive oxygen (ROS) species homeostasis (Gorrini, Harris et al. 2013). Glutathione (GSH) is an important anti-oxidant in cells, which reduces intracellular ROS, and is generated from cysteine, glutamate and glycine by glutamine-cysteine ligase synthetase (GCL) and GSH synthetase (GSS). GCL is comprised of two subunits, glutamate-cysteine ligase catalytic subunit (GCLC) and the glutamate-cysteine ligase modifier subunit (Bin, Huang et al. 2017). Cysteine is the rate-limiting precursor substrate for GSH synthesis. Intracellular cysteine levels are controlled by *SLC7A11*, which encodes the cystine/glutamate transporter XCT (Sasaki, Sato et al. 2002). Reduced expression of *SLC7A11* in *ARID1A* mutant cells results in reduced intracellular cysteine levels and an increased reliance on GCL for the generation of glutathione. Using a high throughput drug screen in an *ARID1A* isogenic model of colorectal cancer, Ogiwara *et al* identified several inhibitors of GCL, namely APR246 and PRIMA-1, which selectively led to the accumulation of ROS and ultimately cell death *in ARID1A* mutant cells. Consistent with this, compounds which either inhibited other components of the glutathione synthesis pathway, such as buthionine sulfoximine (BSO) which blocks GCLC,

or further reduced cysteine levels, such as sulfasalazine, which inhibits SLC7A11, also reduced the viability of *ARID1A* mutant cells (Ogiwara, Takahashi et al. 2019). Taken together, these observations support a synthetic lethal interaction between *ARID1A* and multiple components of the glutathione metabolism pathway.

Active clinical trials recruiting patients using either *ARID1A* gene expression or *ARID1A* protein expression as an inclusion criterion are summarised in Table 1.5.

1.3.5 The *ARID1A*-ATR synthetic lethal interaction

The DNA damage response (DDR) is a complex interconnected network of DNA damage sensors and effectors which is critical in the maintenance of genomic integrity in the face of both exogenous and endogenous DNA damage. ATR is a member of the phosphatidylinositol 3 kinase-related kinase (PIKK) family of serine/threonine protein kinases (Cimprich and Cortez 2008). ATM (Ataxia telangiectasia mutated protein), DNA-dependent protein kinase (DNA-PK), mammalian target of rapamycin (mTOR), suppressor of morphogenesis in genitalia (SMG1) and transformation/transcription domain-associated protein (TRRAP) are other PIKK family members (Lempiainen and Halazonetis 2009). ATR and ATM are two apical regulators of a coordinated DDR. Single stranded DNA (ssDNA), resulting from DNA damage or stressed replication forks (Sancar, Lindsey-Boltz et al. 2004), becomes coated in replication protein A (RPA) which in recruit ATRs and its binding partner,

<i>Target</i>	<i>NCT Identifier</i>	<i>Phase</i>	<i>Agent</i>	<i>Tumour type</i>	<i>Treatment regimen</i>	<i>Reference</i>
<i>EZH2</i>	NCT05023655	II	Tazemetostat	Advanced or metastatic solid tumour harbouring ARID1A mutation (except epithelioid sarcoma)	Tazemetostat 800mg bd continuous	(Prisma and Epizyme 2021)
<i>ATR</i>	NCT04065269	II	Ceralasertib (AZD6738)	Women with relapsed ovarian (fallopian tube / primary peritoneal) and endometrial (uterus) clear cell carcinomas with loss of ARID1A expression	Ceralasertib 160mg bd days 1-14 of 28 day cycle	(Banerjee, Stewart et al. 2021)
<i>HDAC</i>	NCT05154994	I	Belinostat	Advanced or metastatic urothelial carcinoma harbouring an ARID1A mutation	Tremilimumab 1500mg day 1, duravalumab 1500mg day 1, belionostat 1000 mg/m ² days 1-5 of 28 day cycle	(University of and National Cancer 2021)
<i>PARP</i>	NCT04042831	II	Olaparib	Metastatic Biliary Tract Cancer with Aberrant DDR Defects including ARID1A mutation	Olaparib 400 mg bd continuous	(Academic, Community Cancer Research et al. 2022)

Table 1.5 Summary of clinical trials, which are actively recruiting, stipulating ARID1A mutation or ARID1A protein expression as inclusion criterion or stratification criterion.

ATR interacting protein (ATRIP), thereby activating the DDR (Zou and Elledge 2003, Zeman and Cimprich 2014). RPA coated ssDNA also plays an important role in recruiting the ATR activator DNA topoisomerase binding protein 1 (TOPBP1) (Kumagai, Lee et al. 2006). Activated ATR phosphorylates checkpoint kinase 1 (CHK1) on residues S317 and S345, which in turn phosphorylates and inhibits CDC25A dual phosphatase during cell cycle S phase (Busino, Chiesa et al. 2004). This culminates in the increased phosphorylation of cyclin dependent kinase 2 (CDK2), targeting it for proteosomal degradation. The outcome of this signalling cascade is the activation of both the intra-S phase and G₂/M phase cell cycle checkpoints (Bahassi, Ovesen et al. 2008, Dai and Grant 2010, Ma, Janetka et al. 2011) (Figure 1.4).

Using a short interfering RNA (siRNA) screening approach, Williamson *et al* demonstrated a synthetic lethal interaction between ARID1A and ATR. This novel synthetic lethal effect was evident in OCCC cell lines with naturally occurring *ARID1A* mutations, tumour cell line xenografts and tumour cell line xenografts derived from *ARID1A* mutant endometrial cancer (Williamson, Miller et al. 2016). One mechanistic hypothesis proposes that the topoisomerase enzyme, TOP2A, is localised to DNA in an ARID1A-dependent manner. Therefore, in the absence of ARID1A function, complex chromosomal structures which form during DNA replication and are normally resolved by TOP2A, fail to be processed prior to mitosis (Dykhuizen, Hargreaves et al. 2013). ATR inhibition in ARID1A-defective cells activated DNA damage

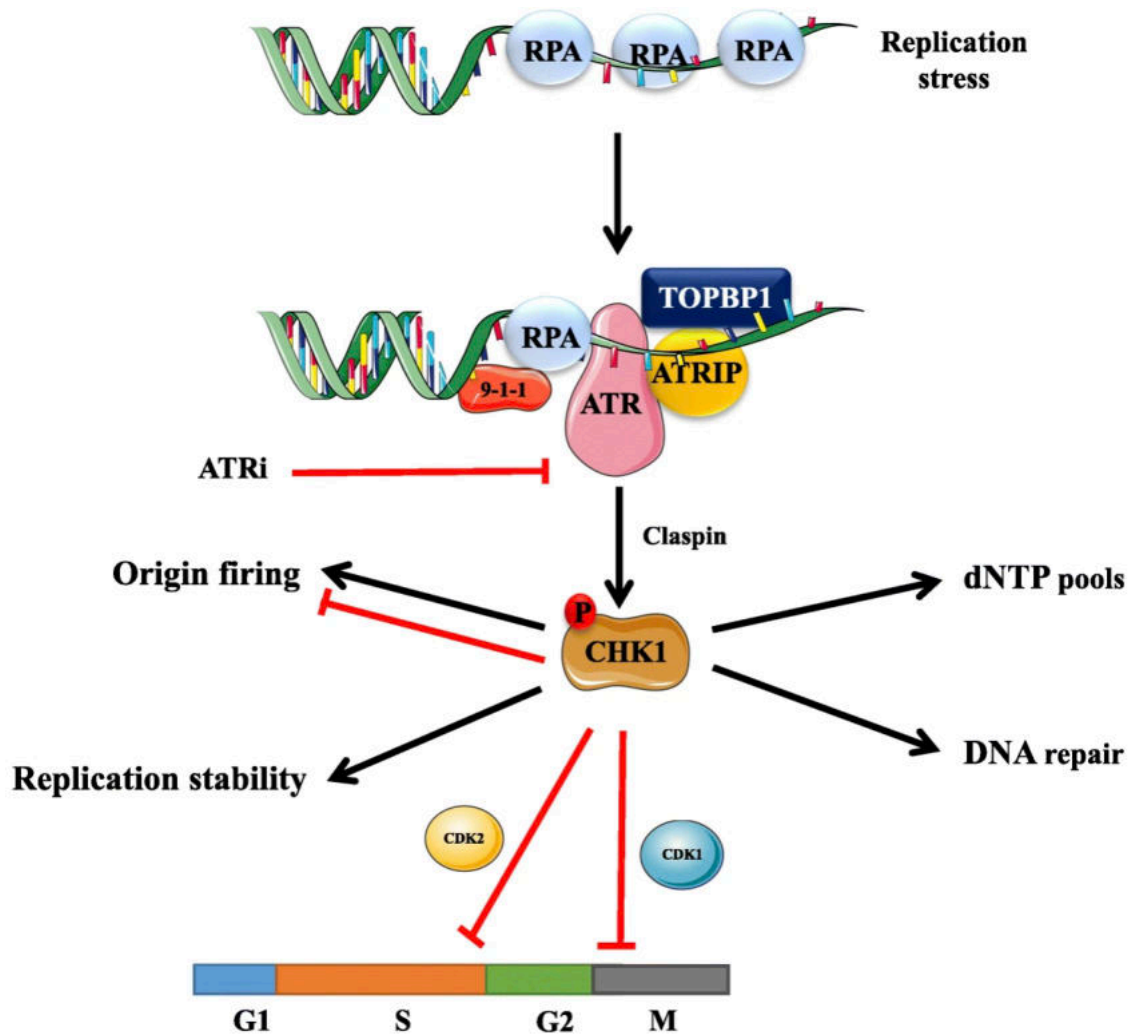


Figure 1.4 Replication stress induced ATR signalling cascade. RPA coated ssDNA, which arises at sites of stalled replication forks or resected DSBs. ATR and its partner ATRIP are recruited and subsequently incorporate Rad9-Rad1-hus1 (9-1-1) and TOPBP1, resulting in ATR activation. The ATR adaptor protein claspin enables CHK1 phosphorylation. Activated CHK1 ensures genomic stability through a variety of mechanisms including activation of S phase and G₂/M phase checkpoints, stabilizing the replications fork, promoting DNA repair and ensuring adequate deoxynucleotides. Adapted from (Mei, Zhang et al. 2019)

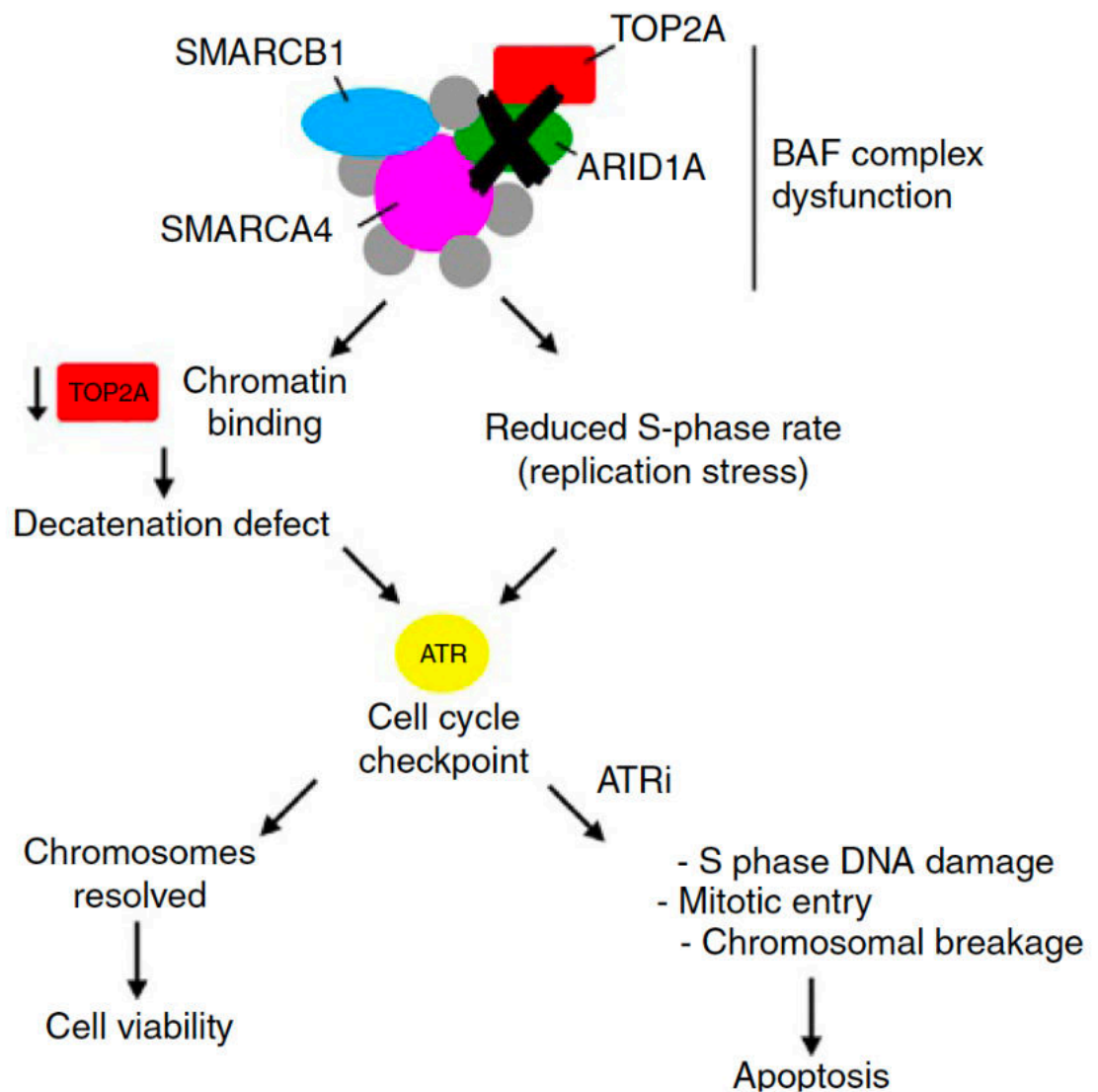


Figure 1.5 A model for the proposed mechanism driving the sensitivity of ARID1A-deficient cells to ATRi. Loss of ARID1A function results in: (i) a defect in the ability of cells to recruit TOP2A to chromatin; and (ii) cell cycle progression defects in both S and G2/M phases of the cell cycle. These factors combined or in isolation might render tumour cells sensitive to small molecule ATRi as these agents impair the ability of cells to mount adequate DDRs, while at the same time accelerating mitotic entry. Taken from (Williamson, Miller et al. 2016).

pathways, increased complex chromosomal structures including anaphase bridges, and impacted cell viability (Williamson, Miller et al. 2016) (Figure 1.5). The work presented by Williamson *et al* was pivotal in identifying the ARID1A-ATR synthetic lethal interaction (Williamson, Miller et al. 2016). However, it did not specify what additional genetic biomarkers, both specific to *ARID1A* mutant OCCC and in general, may be required to elicit clinically meaningful response to ATRi. Additionally, resistance to ATRi, irrespective to the outcome of ATARI, is likely to represent a significant challenge to the future use of this class of anti-cancer therapy. This too was not covered by the work described above.

1.3.6 ATARI clinical trial

Building on the identification of a novel synthetic lethal interaction between ARID1A and ATR (Williamson, Miller et al. 2016), the proof-of-concept ATR Inhibitor in Combination with Olaparib in Gynaecological Cancers With ARID1A Loss or no Loss (ATARI, NCT04065269) was designed. ATARI is an international, academic sponsored phase II clinical trial in which patients with ovarian and endometrial clear cell carcinoma, along with other rare gynaecological tumours, are treated with the ATR inhibitor, AZD6738 (ceralasertib, AstraZeneca), with or without the PARPi olaparib (Banerjee, Stewart et al. 2021).

Cohort 1A of ATARI will recruit patients with ovarian, endometrial, or endometriosis-related carcinomas with clear cell histology and loss of ARD1A

expression as determined by IHC. Patients in cohort 1A will be treated with ceralasertib (AZD6738) monotherapy (160mg tablets twice daily on days 1–14 in a 28 day cycle). If this cohort does not meet its predefined efficacy threshold cohort 1B will open, enrolling the same patient group, who will receive treatment of ceralasertib with olaparib (160 mg ceralasertib tablets once daily on days 1–7 and 300 mg olaparib tablets twice daily continuously in a 28-day cycle). Cohort 2 will enrol patients with ovarian, endometrial, or endometriosis-related carcinomas with clear cell histology and no loss of ARID1A by IHC. Cohort 3 will consist of patients with relapsed gynaecological malignancies irrespective of ARID1A expression status although this will be assessed prior to enrolment. Both cohorts 2 and 3 will receive ceralasertib with olaparib using the same regimen outlined for cohort 1B (Figure 1.6) (Banerjee, Stewart et al. 2021).

There are several rationales for including ARID1A proficient clear cell carcinomas in ATARI. Firstly, due to the pleiotropic molecular functions that ARID1A performs within a cell, it is possible that the functional outcome of other genomic changes results in an ARID1A-deficient-like phenotype which would aid clear cell tumorigenesis but also impart some sensitivity to ATR inhibition. This is akin to the “BRCAness” phenotype which describes a collection of phenotypic features which accompany *BRCA1* and *BRCA2* mutations despite no mutation being present in either gene, accounting in part for some of the PARPi responses amongst patients with HGSOV outside the *BRCA* mutant population (Lord and Ashworth 2016). There is also evidence

ATARI Trial Design

Notes: trial is based on an optimal Simon two-stage design for each cohort, with $p_0=10\%$, $p_1=30\%$, one-sided alpha 0.05 and 80% power. In all cohorts, therapy continues until progression or withdrawal from study.

Primary endpoint: Objective Response Rate (RECIST v1.1)

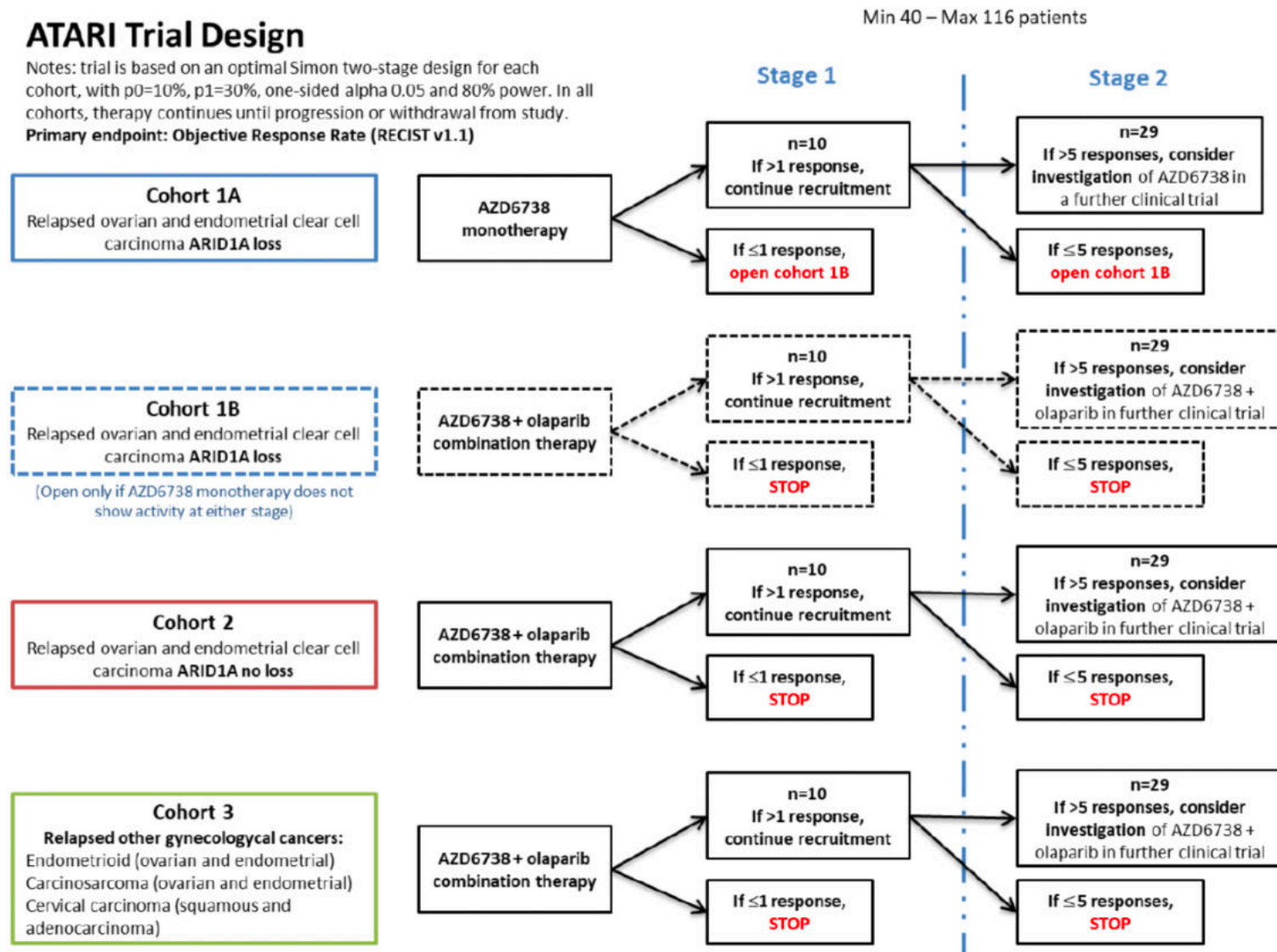


Figure 1.6 ATARI trial schema. Trial will follow a classical two-stage design with progression to stage 2 only taking place if the pre-defined stage 1 efficacy threshold is observed.

that combined PARP and ATR inhibition enhances cytotoxicity, theoretically compensating for the lack of ARID1A mutations. The BRCAness phenotype is not a feature of OCCC; cancers of this subtype are resistant to platinum-based chemotherapy, they do not display the genomic scars associated with HR deficiency (HRD) and, most importantly, do not harbour mutations in HR associated genes. Due in part to the abrogation of cell cycle checkpoints in response to the DNA damaging effects of PARPi (Horton, Stefanick et al. 2007), *in vitro* silencing of ATR has been shown to synergise with PARP inhibition (McCabe, Turner et al. 2006). ATR inhibition has also been shown to impede BRCA1-independent loading of DNA repair protein RAD51 homolog 1 (RAD51), enabling restoration of stalled replication forks, a mechanism that has been linked with overcoming PARPi resistance in *BRCA1* and *BRCA2* mutant cells (Yazinski, Comaills et al. 2017).

1.4 Identification of genetic determinants of ATRi resistance and sensitivity using CRISPR/Cas9 mutagenesis

1.4.1 Overview of CRISPR/Cas9

Clustered regularly interspaced short palindromic repeats (CRISPR)/Cas9 technology has been used to model multiple aspects of the cancer phenotype (Stewart, Banerjee et al. 2020). The system exploits a nuclease (Cas9) first identified in bacteria to protect against exogenous, and potentially deleterious DNA, such as that introduced by viruses (Jansen, Embden et al. 2002, Mojica,

Diez-Villasenor et al. 2005, Barrangou, Fremaux et al. 2007). The simplest iteration of the system as an experimental tool consists of Cas9 nuclease and a single guide RNA (sgRNA), both of which can be transiently transfected or transduced into a cell. The sgRNA has homology with a specific DNA sequence within the genome and also forms a complex with the Cas9 nuclease, guiding the Cas9 to the site of interest (Jinek, Chylinski et al. 2012). Cas9 then cuts both DNA strands at the target site producing a DSB (Mali, Yang et al. 2013). Inherent DDR within cells often repairs these DSBs in a conservative manner, restoring the native DNA sequence. However, in some instances mutations, often insertions and deletions, are introduced. CRISPR-Cas9 exploits this mutagenic potential of DSB repair to disrupt the endogenous DNA sequence leading to the translation of abnormal proteins the function of which is perturbed or, in some cases, resulting in no translation of the gene at all (a functional knock-out) (Figure 1.7) (Cong, Ran et al. 2013). This type of CRISPR-Cas9 mutagenesis is referred to as CRISPRn.

More recently, researchers have employed a catalytically inactive form of Cas9 (dead-Cas9; dCas9) which is unable to produce DSBs but is instead fused to one of an array of effector proteins which are capable of both promoting and repressing transcription, referred to as CRISPR-activation (CRISPRa) (Mali, Aach et al. 2013) or CRISPR-interference (CRISPRi) (Gilbert, Larson et al. 2013) respectively. With, CRISPRa/i, the sgRNA directs the dCas9 to the promoter region of the gene of interest, where the effector proteins, VP64-p65-Rta (VPR) in the case of CRISPRa and Krüppel-associated box (KRAB) in the case of

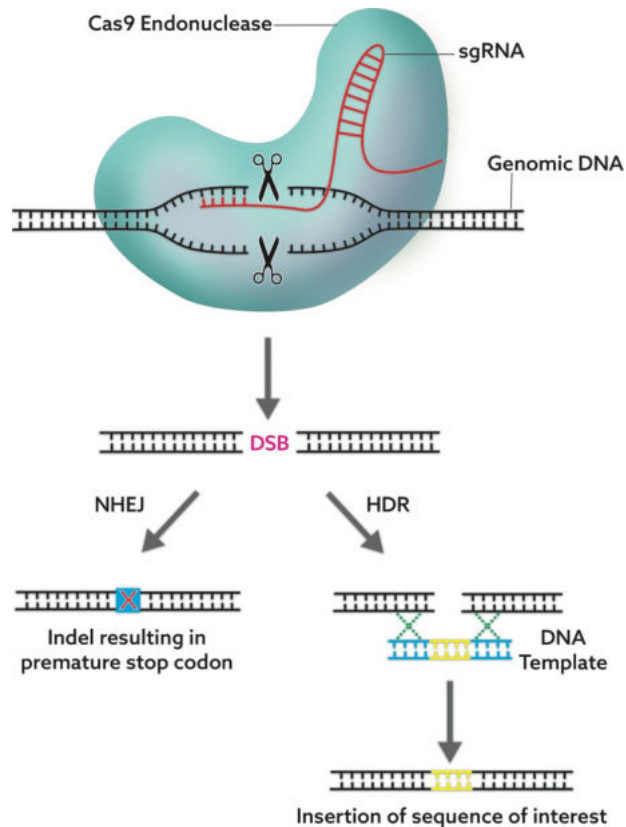
CRISPRi, promote or repress gene expression (Gilbert, Larson et al. 2013, Chavez, Scheiman et al. 2015). Epigenetic modifications, such as methylation, can be introduced by fusing dCas9 to alternative effector proteins (Kang, Park et al. 2019) (Figure 1.8).

Dissecting various aspects of the cancer phenotype using CRISPR-Cas9 technology has a number of advantages over siRNA approaches, such as that employed in the identification of the ARID1A-ATR synthetic lethal interaction (Williamson, Miller et al. 2016). siRNA reduces gene expression at the messenger RNA (mRNA) level through the RNA-Induced Silencing Complex (RISC) (Meister, Landthaler et al. 2004), whereas CRISPRn targets the genomic DNA itself, producing a functional knock-out of the gene (Jinek, Chylinski et al. 2012). Thus, low level protein expression in the context of siRNA-mediated gene silencing may hinder the ability to detect an effect. One drawback of CRISPRn mediated mutagenesis in comparison to siRNA gene interference, is the relative inability to study essential genes (Hart, Chandrashekhar et al. 2015), that is genes encoding proteins that are required for cell survival. However, the development of CRISPR interference has provided a means to overcome this challenge (Gilbert, Larson et al. 2013). Of course, CRISPR activation has afforded the opportunity to study gain of function mutations, something which could not be achieved via siRNA. The interpretation of any genetic perturbation study relies on the specificity of the technique employed. The most significant limitation to the use of siRNA is off-target gene silencing. This can arise through the degradation of mRNA with partial homology to the siRNA (Birmingham,

Anderson et al. 2006, Fedorov, Anderson et al. 2006) but also via the microRNA pathway with the potential to reduce the expression of a much larger number of genes (Doench, Petersen et al. 2003). Although CRISPR-mediated mutagenesis has been reported at off target sites, this occurs at a much lower frequency than with siRNA (Hsu, Scott et al. 2013, Zhang, Tee et al. 2015) and has been reduced by the use of computational algorithms to rationally design sgRNAs with sequences less likely to bind DNA at off-target sites (Doench, Hartenian et al. 2014, Doench, Fusi et al. 2016).

sgRNAs can now be synthesised en masse relatively efficiently. This has enabled the generation of large sgRNA libraries which afford the opportunity to perform high-throughput CRISPR-Cas9 screens to identify genetic determinants of drug responses. In such screens, Cas9 expressing cells are infected with an sgRNA library packaged in lentivirus. The entire coding genome can be targeted using such sgRNA libraries, which can consist of more than 200 000 sgRNAs where 5-10 sgRNAs target each gene. In order to ensure that the observed phenotype is due to the alteration of a single gene, a multiplicity of infection is used so as to ensure that on average one virus particle infects each cell. The infected cells are then exposed to a drug concentration designed to a predefined surviving fraction at the end of the assay.

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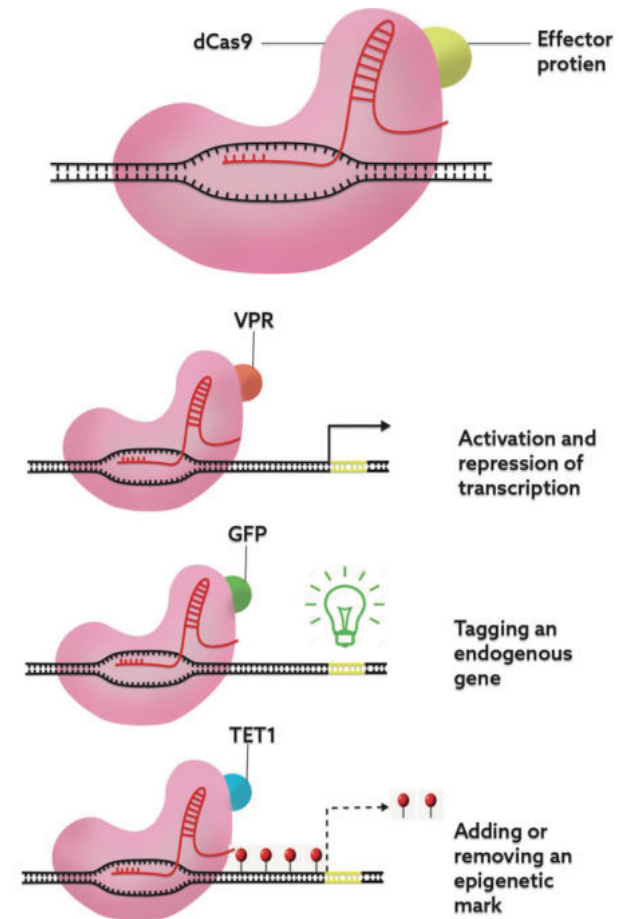


Figure 1.7 CRISPR-Cas9-mediated gene editing. Cas9 endonuclease is directed to the region of interest in the genome by a single-guide RNA (sgRNA). The enzymatic activity of Cas9 cleaves both strands of genomic DNA, resulting in a double-strand break (DSB). If this DSB is repaired by non-homologous end-joining (NHEJ), its error-prone nature leads to insertion/deletion mutations, which can produce a functional gene knockout. If a DNA template is also introduced to the cell, homologous recombination (HR) can incorporate the desired sequence into the genome. (b) dead-Cas9 (dCas9) facilitates gene perturbation without causing DSBs. An enzymatically inactive form of Cas9, dCas9, generated through the mutation of its endonuclease domain is guided to the genomic region of interest by a sgRNA but does not cause a DSB. Instead, effector proteins fused to dCas9 modify the target region of the genome in the desired manner. Examples include activation or repression of transcription or even methylation. Taken from Stewart *et al* (2020).

1.3.1 Using CRISPR/Cas9 to identify genetic determinants of ATRi resistance and sensitivity

Several groups have reported on the use of CRISPRn screens in the identification of the genetic determinants of response to ATRi. Ruiz *et al* utilised the genome-wide CRISPRn screen in mouse embryonic stem (ES) cells to identify genes implicated in ATRi resistance. Using this approach, loss of function mutations in *CDC25A*, which encodes M-phase inducer phosphatase 1, resulted in ATRi resistance, a phenotype that was reversed by inhibition of WEE1 (Ruiz, Mayor-Ruiz et al. 2016).

In an effort to determine a consensus set of genetic determinants of ATRi sensitivity Hustedt *et al* performed genome-wide CRISPRn screens in immortalised retinal pigment epithelial (RPE), HCT116 and HeLA cells using two ATRi, AZD6738 and VE-821 (Hustedt, Alvarez-Quilon et al. 2019). By integrating the results of these CRISPRn screens a candidate list of 117 genes was generated that, when subjected to CRISPR mutagenesis, enhanced ATRi sensitivity. From this list, 14 genes validated as novel genetic determinants of ATRi sensitivity, namely *APEX2*, *c17orf53*, *CABIN1*, *CIP2A*, *DSCC1*, *POLE4*, *TOPBP1*, *TYMS*, *NAE1*, *DPH1*, *DTYMK*, *PPP1R8*, *POLE3* and *POLE4* (Hustedt, Alvarez-Quilon et al. 2019).

The mechanism underlying ATRi induced cytotoxicity in ARID1A-deficient cells, proposed by Williamson *et al*, entails a reduction in ARID1A-dependent recruitment of TOP2A to DNA, with a resulting inability to resolve complex structures arising during DNA replication and an increased reliance on ATR (Williamson, Miller et al. 2016). The results from the CRISPRn screens described by Ruiz *et al* and Hustedt *et al* build on this and suggest that the response

to ATRi in general are driven by a combination of the generation of replication stress and forced mitotic entry (Ruiz, Mayor-Ruiz et al. 2016, Hustedt, Alvarez-Quilon et al. 2019). Loss of function mutations of genes encoding proteins involved in DNA replication including *POLE3* and *POLE4*, components of the DNA polymerase ϵ , which is responsible to leading strand extension during DNA replication (Pursell, Isoz et al. 2007, Lujan, Williams et al. 2016), and *TOPBP1*, which ensures genome integrity during normal S phase (Kim, McAvoy et al. 2005), result in ATRi sensitivity (Hustedt, Alvarez-Quilon et al. 2019). Meanwhile, the loss of *CDC25A* function, which is responsible for the dephosphorylation of CDK1, a rate limiting step in the G₂/M transition, drives ATRi resistance (Shen and Huang 2012). This refined view of how ATRi exert their cytotoxic effect will aid future work to identify prognostic biomarkers for this class of drugs.

1.4 Aims of this work

The clinical outcomes for women diagnosed with OCCC remain poor and there are currently no targeted therapies licensed for this indication. The identification of a novel synthetic lethal interaction between *ARID1A* and *ATR* offers a potential treatment strategy given the relatively high prevalence of *ARD11A* mutations present in this tumour type. The activity of ATRi in *ARID1A* mutant OCCC is currently being assessed in ATARI.

The aim of this project is to generate data that could help refine how ATRi are used in the context of OCCC and other gynecological cancers. This will entail the use of CRISPR-Cas9 mutagenesis screens, which have hitherto not been performed in an *ARIDA*-deficient context, to identify biomarkers for ATRi response and resistance which will be validated in

the pre-clinical setting. This pre-clinical work will be used to inform how the results of the ATARI clinical trial are interpreted and it is hoped will inform how future clinical trials are designed.

Chapter 2. Materials & Methods

2.1 Reagents

2.1.1 General Chemicals and solutions

All reagents were purchased from Sigma unless otherwise stated.

PBS: 137 mM NaCl, 2 mM KCL, 8 mM Na₂HPO₄ in H₂O with pH adjusted to 7.4 using HCl.

RIPA buffer: 50 mM Tris pH 8.0 , 150 mM NaCl, 0.1% SDS, 0.1% deoxycholic acid, 1% Triton-X-100, 50 mM NaF, 1 mM Na₃VO₄ with 1 x MiniComplete® Protease Cocktail tablet (Roche) added per 10mL buffer.

EDTA 0.5 M: di-sodium salt of ethylenemiaminetetracetate in H₂O, pH adjusted to 8.0 with NaOH.

MOPS: 3-(N-morpholino)propanesulfonic acid (Invitrogen)

PFA: 4% (w/v) paraformaldehyde in PBS

DAPI: 4'6-Diamidino-2-Phenylindole, dihydrochloride

IFF (Immunofluorescence buffer): PBS with 1% bovine serum albumin and 2% foetal bovine serum (Life Technologies, UK).

PI staining solution: Propidium iodide 20 µg/mL with RNase A 100 µg/mL in PBS

Triton solution: 0.25% Triton-X-100 in PBS

Transfer buffer: 14.4 g glycine, 3.03 g Tris, 200 mL methanol made up in 1 litre with H₂O

10 x TBS-T: 200 mL 1 M Tris pH 7.5, 300 mL 5 M NaCl, 10 mL tween in 1 L H₂O

TRIS: Tris(hydroxymethyl)aminomethane (Invitrogen)

2.1.2 Drugs and therapeutics

AZD6738 and VX970 were obtained from Selleckchem.

2.1.3 Antibodies

The antibodies used during the course of this PhD project are summarised in table 2.1 Horseradish peroxidase secondary antibodies were obtained from Sigma and diluted 1:10,000. For images obtained using the Odyssey Infrared

Imaging system from Licor® fluorescent dye labelled secondary antibody were purchased from Odyssey and diluted 1:5000.

Antibody	Supplier	Product number	Dilution
Primary antibodies for Western blot			
Cas-9 N-terminus	Novus Biologicals	NBP2-36440	1:1000
Vinculin	Santa Cruz	SC-73614	1:1000
PPP2R1A	Cell signaling	2041S	1:1000
PPP2R2A	Cell signaling	5689S	1:1000
PPP2CA	Abcam	Ab106262	1:1000
Myc	Abcam	Ab32072	1:1000
WEE1	Cell signaling	13084S	1:1000
Primary antibodies for immunofluorescence			
53BP1	Cell signalling	4937S	1:50
Cyclin A	Santa Cruz	SC-217682	1:100
Primary antibodies for cell cycle analysis by FACS			
Phosphohistone- H3 (S10)- alexa488	Cell signalling	3465S	1:50

Table 2.1 Summary of antibodies used in the course of this thesis.

2.1.4 Genome-wide CRISPRn library

The previously published and validated genome-wide human lentiviral library (Kosuke Yusa Human GW CRISPR guide RNA library V1)(Koike-Yusa, Li et al. 2014) provided directly by Dr Kosuke Yusa.

2.1.5 Recombinant Cas9 endonuclease

TrueCut® v2 recombinant Cas9 endonuclease was purchased from Invitrogen and stored at -20°C .

2.1.6 EditR sgRNAs

Custom designed CRISPR RNA (crRNA) and tracrRNA (trRNA) were obtained from Horizon discovery and reconstituted to 20 μM in Tris pH 7.4. Edit-R non-targeting control crRNA 1 and 2 (Horizon Discovery) with no homology to any known sequence in the human genome were used as negative controls. A *PLK1*-specific crRNA (Horizon Discovery) was used as a control for successful transfection.

2.1.7 siRNA library targeting the human genome

The Dharmacon® SMARTpool® kinase library was purchased from Dharmacon. An siRNA library targeted 953 genes encoding protein kinases and kinase-related genes, tumour suppressor genes and included in the Cancer Gene Census

(Sondka, Bamford et al. 2018) were supplied in 96 well plate format with each gene represented by one well, with 80 genes per plate. Each well contained an siRNA SMARTpool® with four individual siRNAs targeting the same gene but with different target sequences. Target sequence information was not provided. Prior to performing the screen, the library was supplemented with additional control siRNAs and aliquoted using the Hamilton Robot in to 384 well plates, which were then used to perform the screen.

2.1.8 siRNA oligonucleotides

siRNA oligonucleotides were purchased from Horizon Discovery and were supplied 2'ACE protected and lyophilized. These were reconstituted to 20 µM in diethyl pyrocarbonate (DEPEC) treated water (Ambion) and stored at -20 °C. The following non-targeting siRNA controls are used in this thesis and target no known human genes: siControl1 or siControl2 (Horizon Discovery). The siRNAs used in this thesis are summarised in Table 2.2.

Target	Type	Product code
siCON1	Non-targeting	D-001206-13-05
siCON2	Non-targeting	D-001206-14-05
PLK1	SMARTpool	M-003290-01-0005
WNK1	SMARTpool: siGENOME siRNA	M-005362-01-0005
WNK1	Set of 4: ON-TARGET-PLUS siRNA	LQ-005362-02-0005

Table 2.2 Summary of siRNAs used in the course of this thesis.

2.1.9 Culture media

Roswell Park Memorial Institute (RPMI) 1640 medium was supplied by Gibco and supplemented with 10% foetal bovine serum (FBS) and penicillin-streptomycin 100 units/mL. Optimem medium was supplied by Gibco.

2.1.10 Cell lines

TOV21G cell line was obtained from American Type Culture Collection (ATCC) and was cultured in regular RPMI medium. HCT116 *ARID1A* isogenic pair was obtained from Horizon Discovery and cultured in RPMI medium. OWISE and OVTOKO cell lines were obtained from Dr Hiroaki Itamochi (Tottori University School of Medicine, Yonago, Japan) and cultured in RPMI.

2.2 Protocols

2.2.1 General cell culture

All cell culture was performed under sterile conditions in a tissue culture hood. Cells were grown in 5% CO₂ at 37°C in their respective media. Cells were allowed to reach approximately 80% confluency before passaging as follows: culture medium was aspirated before cells were washed with a covering volume of PBS. Cell detachment was achieved by incubating with a covering volume of trypsin-EDTA at 37°C. Trypsin was neutralised by the addition of culture medium

containing FBS before cells were re-seeded in to a new flask or plate. Counting of cells was performed using Countess automated cell counter (Invitrogen). 10 μ L of cell suspension was mixed with 10 μ L tryphan blue (Invitrogen) before counting. Frozen cell stocks were maintained in liquid nitrogen in freezing media (90% FBS with 10% DMSO). Mycoplasma testing was carried out periodically using Mycoalert Mycoplasma Testing Kit (Lonza). Cell identity was confirmed by short tandem repeat (STR) typing every 6 months.

2.2.2 Short term cell viability assay

Cells were seeded to 96-well or 384-well plate at a density of 500 cells per well in 200 μ L or 50 μ L respectively. 24 hours after seeding, drug was added at indicated concentrations using the Echo liquid handler (Labcyte). In the case of 96-well plates this entailed the removal of culture medium, addition of drug before 200 μ L fresh medium added to bring drug to intended concentration. This process was repeated after 3 days. For 384-well plates, drug was added directly to the plate (i.e. medium was not removed). After 7 (96-well) or 5 (384-well) days cell viability was measured using CellTiter-Glo[®] (CTG). Medium was removed from each well before 50 μ L (96-well) or 25 μ L (384-well) CTG (diluted 1:4 in PBS) was added to the plate which was subsequently incubated at room temperature for 20 minutes under constant agitation. Luminescence was measured using the Victor X5 Multilabel plate reader (Perkin Elmer). From these luminescence readings a surviving fraction was calculated by normalising the luminescence reading for each well to that of the vehicle treated well. Dose

response curves were then generated using GraphPad Prism and significance determined using two-way ANOVA.

2.2.3 Long term cell viability assay

Cells were seeded to 24 well plate at density of 500 cells per well in 1 mL culture medium. 24 hours after seeding medium was removed and replenished with medium containing drug at indicated concentration. This process was repeated every 3 days until vehicle treated well became confluent (typically 14-21 days). Cell viability was then assessed using CTG. 150 μ L CTG (diluted 1:2 in PBS) was incubated at room temperature for 1 hour under constant agitation. 100 μ L of resulting suspension was transferred from each well to a 96 well plate before luminescence was measured, surviving fraction calculated and dose response curves generated as previously described.

2.2.4 Genome-wide CRISPRn screen

Doxycycline inducible Cas9 TOV21G cells were generated prior to the commencement of the fellowship by Dr Feifei Song. Briefly, TOV21G cells were transduced with the Edit-R inducible Lentiviral hEF1a-Blast-Cas9 Nuclease (Dharmacon) and selected in Blasticidin 7 μ g/mL. Cas9 expression was confirmed via Western blot.

The genome-wide CRISPRn screen was performed as previously described (Hustedt, Alvarez-Quilon et al. 2019). Inducible Cas9 expressing cells were seeded for 1000x representation per sgRNA, and infected at a multiplicity of infection (MOI) of 0.3, to avoid multiple sgRNA infections per cell, using the previously published and validated genome-wide human lentiviral library (Kosuke Yusa Human GW CRISPR guide RNA library V1) (Koike-Yusa, Li et al. 2014). After puromycin selection (1 μ g/mL), cells were harvested at day 0 (T0) and on day 14 (T1). Cells were exposed to AZD6738 0.1 μ M (the concentration of AZD6738 that resulted in a reduction in the Surviving Fraction (SF) by 50%, SF₅₀) or DMSO between days 0 and 14. Media containing AZD6738 or DMSO was replenished twice per week. DNA was extracted from the T=0 and T=1 samples. sgRNAs in each sample were sequenced by the Tumour Profiling Unit (The Institute of Cancer Research) using a custom U6 primer. Bioinformatic analysis was performed by the Breast Cancer Bioinformatics Research Group (Institute of Cancer Research). Z score analysis was used for the downstream analysis of sgRNA raw read data.

For the Z score analysis (where Z = 0 represents no effect on viability and positive Z scores represent a gain in viability), guides with a maximum read count of zero in the T=0 sample were first identified and removed from the analysis. Subsequently, raw read counts were converted to parts per ten million (pptm) in order to take in to account any differences in the amount of DNA sequenced between samples. The raw pptm counts for each sgRNA were log₂ transformed before calculating viability effect (VE) and drug effect (DE) Z scores (Equations 1

and 2). VE refers to the rate of decline in sgRNA abundance in the absence of any drug exposure, i.e. in the presence of vehicle alone. DE refers to the difference in the sgRNA abundance between the vehicle and drug exposed time point during the screen, e.g. T = 0, T = 1. In order to remove any difference in DE that can be attributed to VE, a linear model of $DE \sim VE$ was fitted and then adjusted to give a DE corrected for VE (DE' [DE corrected]) (Equation 3). Gene level NormZ score analysis was used for the downstream analysis of sgRNA read count data as described previously (Colic, Wang et al. 2019). In brief, the guide DE' [DE corrected] of all gRNA across all replicates is summed to get a gene-level sumZ score, which is then normalized (by dividing by the square root of the number of summed terms) to the final NormZ score (Equation 4).

Equation 1:

$$VE = \frac{(DMSO(T1) - DMSO(T2) - \text{median}(DMSO(T1) - DMSO(T0)))}{MAD(DMSO(T1) - DMSO(T2))}$$

Equation 2:

$$DE = \frac{(Drug(T) - DMSO(T) - \text{median}(Drug(T) - Drug(T)))}{MAD(Drug(T) - DMSO(T))}$$

Equation 3:

$$DE'(DE_{corrected}) = (DE - c) - (VE \times m)$$

Equation 4:

$$Norm Z = \frac{\Sigma(DE'(DE_{corrected}))}{\sqrt{n}}$$

*Being DMSO: log2 PPTM count of DMSO samples at time points T1 and T0;
Drug: log2 PPTM counts of drug exposed samples at the time point T; MAD:

mean absolute distribution; c: intercept; m: slope; n: number of sgRNA targeting given gene.

2.2.5 Edit R revalidation of screen hits

TOV21G cells were reverse transfected in 6 well plates. For each transfection the contents of transfection mix 1 and transfection mix 2 (Table 2.3) were combined and incubated at room temperature for 10 minutes. Transfection mix 1 and transfection mix 2 were then combined and incubated for a further 10 minutes at room temperature. 300,000 TOV21G cells suspended in 2 mL of antibiotic free medium was then added to combined transfection mix and cells incubated at 37°C overnight. After 24 hours, medium containing transfection mix was removed and fresh medium replenished. 72 hours after transfection, cells were seeded to 24 well plate and long term cell viability performed as outlined in section 2.2.4. The sgRNA sequences used in the work contained in this thesis are outlined in Table 2.4.

Transfection Mix 1	Transfection Mix 2
250 µL optimem	250 µL optimem
1.25 µL trRNA (20 µM)	5 µL CRISPRmax reagent
1.25 µL crRNA (20 µM)	
1 µL recombinant Cas9 (20 µM)	
10 µL CRISPRmax plus	

Table 2.3 EditR transfection mix components.

sgRNA	Oligonucleotide sequence
sgPPP2R2A 1	GAAGGGTATAACTTGAAAG
sgPPP2R2A 2	GCATCTGGAAATTACAGAC
sgATM	GAAGGGTATAACTTGAAAG

Table 2.4 Summary of editR sgRNA oligonucleotide sequences.

2.2.6 Genomic DNA extraction from cell lines

Genomic DNA was extracted using DNeasy blood & tissue kit (Qiagen) according to the manufacturer's instructions and eluted in 200 µL nuclease free water (Ambion) before DNA concentration was determined by measuring absorbance at 260 nm using NanoDrop 1000 (Thermo).

2.2.7 Genomic DNA from FFPE tumour samples

Genomic DNA was extracted from formalin-fixed paraffin-embedded (FFPE) tumour samples collected from patients enrolled Royal Marsden Hospital (RMH) NHS Foundation Trust study: CCR3705 "Analysis of tumour specimens for biomarkers in gynaecological cancers" by Dr Saira Khaliq prior to the commencement of this fellowship (Khaliq, Nash et al. 2021). Briefly, DNA extraction and Next Generation Sequencing (NGS) took place in Good Clinical Laboratory Practice (GCLP) accredited laboratories at The Centre for Molecular Pathology, The Royal Marsden NHS Foundation Trust, Sutton. Genomic DNA from FFPE tissue sections was extracted using QIAamp FFPE Tissue Kit

(Qiagen) according to the manufacturer's instructions for both tumour and non-malignant content. Genomic DNA from blood was extracted using the QIAamp Blood mini kit (manual) or QIASymphony DNA MidiKit (automated) (Qiagen) according to the manufacturer's instructions. DNA quality was assessed on the Agilent 2200 TapeStation (Agilent) and the Qubit Fluorometer (Fisher Scientific).

2.2.8 Polymerase chain reaction (PCR)

PCR amplicons were generated using 100 ng DNA in 50 μ L reactions, using Q5[®] high-fidelity polymerase kit (New England Biolabs), according to manufacturer's protocol. Primers used are summarized in Table 4. PCR was carried out on a thermocycler as follows: 98^oC for 30 seconds, followed by 25 cycles of 98^oC for 10 seconds (melting), 65^oC for 30 seconds (annealing) and 70^oC for 20 seconds, before 72^oC for 2 minutes (final extension). PCR products were analyzed by agarose gel electrophoresis by mixing with 6x loading dye (New England Biolabs) and separation by gel electrophoresis. Agarose gels were made by dissolving 1 gram ultra pure agarose (Life Technologies) in 100 mL 1 x TAE buffer with 1:10,000 GelRed nucleic acid stain (Biotium). Hyperladder 1 (Bioline) was used to estimate size of PCR product. PCR product purified using QIAquick PCR purification kit (Qiagen) and eluted in 50 μ L nuclease free water (Ambion). The primers used for PCR in the work contained in this thesis are summarised in Table 2.5

	Forward primer	Reverse primer
PPP2R2A (sgPPP2R2 A 1)	GCCACCAATCTTTGCATTA T	TTCAAGCTCTGCTCAGGATTT
PPP2R2A (sgPPP2R2 A 2)	TTCAGCACTCGAAAGGAT CAA	CCTTCTTCACCAAACACCACC A AAG
PPP2R1A	ACTGTTACTATCAGCTCC GTT TC	CTCATCTACCTCTGTGAACTT GTC

Table 2.5 Summary of primer sequences used in this work.

2.2.9 TIDE analysis

Tracking indels by decomposition (TIDE) analysis was performed using ICE V2 CRISPR analysis tool (Synthego).

2.2.10 CRISPR prime gene editing

CRISPR prime gene editing performed using PE2 system as described by Anzaolone *et al* (Anzaolone, Randolph *et al.* 2019). Briefly, TOV21G cells were reverse transfected with CRISPR prime gene editing machinery. 375 ng pegRNA, 124.5 ng nicking gRNA and 2 μ L P3000 (Invitrogen) mixed in 250 μ L Optimum and incubated at room temperature for 10 minutes. 5 μ L lipofectamine 3000 mixed with 250 μ L optimum and incubated at room temperature for 10 minutes. The CRISPR prime editing mix and transfection mix were then combined in a 6 well plate and incubated at room temperature for 10 minutes. 300,000 TOV21G cells suspended in serum free medium and added to combined transfection mix. 5 days post transfection, cells were single cell sorted in to 96 well plates and

expanded. Once 90% confluency was reached, cells were trypsinised and resuspended and transferred in to two replicate plates. Genomic DNA was extracted from one plate, whilst the duplicate plate was viably frozen as previously described and stored at -80°C . PCR based genotyping of clones was performed as previously described. PCR products were purified using QIAquick PCR Purification Kit (Qiagen) eluted in 50 μL nuclease free water as per the manufacturer's instructions. For Sanger sequencing, 15 μL purified PCR product mixed with 2 μL *PPP2R1A* forward primer (10 μM) described in section 2.2.8. Sanger sequencing was performed by Eurofins Genomics and results were analyzed using SnapGene software. The pegRNA sequences used in this work are summarized in Table 2.6.

Mutation	PEG-RNA sequence
<i>PPP2R1A</i> p.R183P	AGGCTGCGGCGGGCCGCACCATGGGGGT
<i>PPP2R1A</i> p.R183W	AGGCTGCGGCCACCGCACCATGGGGGT

Table 2.6 Summary of pegRNA sequences used in this thesis.

2.2.11 TOPO-cloning

100 ng PCR products cloned in to pCR-Blunt II TOPO vector using Zero Blunt TOPO PCR Cloning Kit (Invitrogen) as per manufacturer's instructions. The final mix was incubated for 1 hour at room temperature and prepared for transformation. For transformation, 50 μL of competent bacteria were placed into a sharp-bottom 14 mL round bottom polystyrene tube and mixed gently with 5 μL

cloned PCR product. Following 30 minutes of incubation on ice, tubes were heated to 42°C for 50 seconds before being incubated on ice for 15 minutes. 500 µL SOC medium was added and bacteria were shaken at 37°C for 1 hour. 50 µL bacterial suspension was plated on to agar plate containing ampicillin (100 µg/mL). Plates were then incubated upside-down at 37°C overnight. The following day 10 colonies were picked and, expanded in SOB medium containing ampicillin 100 µg/mL. after incubating for 16 hours at 37°C. Plasmid DNA was extracted using Qiaprep Spin Miniprep Kit (Qiagen) as per manufacturer's instructions. Sanger sequencing of isolated plasmid was performed by Eurofins Genomics using a U6-forward primer (GGCCTATTTCCCATGATTCCTTC). Results were analysed using SnapGene software.

2.2.12 Western blot analysis

Whole cell lysates were extracted using Radioimmunoprecipitation assay (RIPA) buffer (Thermo scientific) supplemented with Complete mini proteinase inhibitor (Roche). Protein concentration calculated using Bradford's reagent. Lysates separated using 4-12% SDS-PAGE BIS-TRIS gel and transferred to nitrocellulose membrane. Membranes were blocked in 5% milk and incubated in primary antibody in 5% BSA overnight at 4°C. The following day a fluorescent or HRP-conjugated secondary antibody was added and incubated for one hour at room temperature followed by 3 x 20-minute washes with TBST. For Western blots performed with HRP-associated secondary antibodies a covering volume of Thermo Scientific SuperSignal West Femto Maximum Sensitivity Substrate

(ThermoFisher) was added immediately before measuring chemiluminescence. Signal was measured using the Licor system (Odyssey).

2.2.13 Cell cycle analysis by FACS

For the cell cycle analysis, 150,000 cells were seeded to 6 well plates. 24 hours later, medium was removed and replenished with medium containing drug or DMSO. Cells were then exposed to drug or DMSO for 24 hours. For the final 2 hours of drug exposure 5-ethynyl-2'-deoxyuridine (EdU) 20 μ M (ThermoFisher) was added to the culture medium. Cells were harvested, washed in ice cold PBS before being fixed in 70% ethanol at 4⁰C overnight. Staining of cells was carried out using Click-iT™ Plus EdU Alexa Fluor™ 647 Flow Cytometry Assay Kit (Invitrogen) as per manufacturer's instructions. Briefly, cells were permeabilised in 1 x saponin diluted in PBS before being stained with Alexa Fluor™ 647. Cells were washed and then incubated with Alexa Fluor™ 488-conjugated anti-phosphohistone H3 (S10) antibody (Invitrogen) at 1:50 concentration for 1 hour at room temperature, protected from light. Cells were then digested and stained with PI for DNA content with FxCycle™ PI/RNase Staining Solution (ThermoFisher). Detection of EdU staining, phosphohistone H3 staining, or PI was performed on a BD LSR II flow cytometer (BD biosciences). EdU was detected with the red laser detecting Alexa 647 blue at 635 nm using the 600/20 nm filter, phosphohistone H3 was detected using the blue laser detecting Alexa 488 at 520 nm using 530/30 nm filter and PI was measured at 488 nm detecting PE/Texas using the 610/20 filter. Debris and doublets were gated out from a

forward scatter (FSC)/side scatter (SSC) plot and DNA dye area/width plot respectively and the selected population was analysed regarding its cell cycle distribution using FlowJo (BD) FACS analysis software.

2.2.14 Immunofluorescence

Cells were seeded to polylysine coated cover slips (Corning). Once cells reach 60% confluence medium was removed and replenished with medium containing drug or DMSO. After 24 hours cells were fixed in 4 % PFA for 15 minutes at room temperature. Fixed cells were washed in PBS 3 times and then stored in PBS at 4 degrees. For staining of intracellular proteins and DNA, cells were first permeabilised in 0.25 % Triton-X in PBS for 15 minutes before being washed 3 times and blocked in IFF for 1 hour at room temperature. Cells were then incubated in primary antibody overnight at 4⁰C. Cells were washed again in PBS 3 times before being incubated with Goat anti-Mouse IgG (H+L) Cross-Adsorbed Secondary Antibody, Alexa Fluor™ 555 (Thermo Fisher Scientific) and Goat anti-Rabbit IgG (H+L) Cross-Adsorbed Secondary Antibody, Alexa Fluor™ 488 (ThermoFisher) secondary antibody (1:1000 dilution) for 1 hour at room temperature. After a further 3 washes in PBS, cells were mounted on glass cover slips using ProLong™ Gold Antifade Mountant with DAPI (Invitrogen). Mounted coverslips were stored in the dark at 4⁰C until imaging. Z stack images were acquired using Marianas advanced spinning disc microscopy (3i) with the generation of maximum projections performed using Slidebook6 (3i) software. Quantification of 53BP1 bodies was performed using CellProfiler imaging

analysis software. Micronuclei were measured manually and expressed as proportion of cells in visual field (minimum 100 cells).

2.2.15 Time lapse microscopy

Cells were seeded to flat bottom 96-well imaging plates (Perkin Elmer) in phenol-free RPMI medium (Gibco). Once cells reached approximately 60% confluency medium was removed and replenished with medium containing SPY505-DNA nuclear stain (Tebubio), SPY650-tubulin Probe (Universal biologicals) and SPY555-actin Probe (Universal biologicals) all at 1:1000 dilution. After culturing for four hours either DMSO or AZD6738 to a final concentration of 500 nM was added to each well. Cells were imaged every 5 minutes for 24 hours with the Marianas basic spinning-disk microscope system (Intelligent Imaging Innovations, 3i) with the generation of maximum projections performed using Slidebook6 (3i) software. Throughout imaging, cells were maintained at 37°C in 5% CO₂. Duration of metaphase for 50 mitotic cells was measured manually.

2.2.16 Phospho-proteomic analysis

Protein extraction, preparation and mass spectrometry processing and analysis were performed by the Proteomics and Metabolomics Laboratory (Institute of Cancer Research, London, UK). In brief, snap frozen cell pellets were lysed by probe sonication and protein extracts were subjected to trypsin digestion. The tryptic peptides were labelled with amine-reactive TMT10plex Isobaric Label

Reagent (Thermo), which the multiplexed identification of up to 9,410 proteins. Labelled peptides were then combined in equal quantities and subjected to fractionation with high-pH C18 high-performance liquid chromatography (HPLC). LC-MS analysis was performed on the Dionex Ultimate 3000 system coupled with the Orbitrap Fusion Mass Spectrometer. Perseus software (Max Plank Institute) was used for data analysis.

2.2.17 High-throughput siRNA screen

An siRNA library targeting 953 genes encoding kinases and kinase-related genes, tumour suppressor genes (Dharmacon) and included in the Cancer Gene Census was used. Each well contained a smartpool of four distinct siRNAs which targeted different sequences within the same target gene. Additional positive and negative control siRNAs were added to the plate as previously described. 100 nL of 10 μ M siRNA transferred to 364 well plate using Echo liquid handler (Labcyte). 5 μ L Optimem was added to each well and plates agitated for 30 minutes at room temperature. A 2 x concentration transfection mix consisting of 4.95 μ L Optimem and 0.05 μ L RNAi Max (Invitrogen) combined per well and incubated at room temperature for 10 minutes. Optimem was then added to transfection mix to bring to a 1 x concentration. 10 μ L of 1 x transfection mix added to each well and incubated at room temperature for 10 minutes. 500 cells suspended in 35 μ L of antibiotic free medium was then added to each well and returned to incubator at 37°C. 24 hours post transfection AZD6738 at a final concentration of 100 nM or

DMSO was added to each well. Cell viability was assessed after 5 days using CellTiter-Glo® as previously described.

When analysing the siRNA screen data the luminescence readings from each well were \log_2 transformed and centred to the median of the plate in order to account for any variability between plates. A drug effect (DE) score was then calculated by subtracting the median of plate centred scores of replicates for DMSO arms from the drug exposed arms of the screen. Robust z-normalisation method with median and mean absolute deviation (MAD) as the data is skewed due to the presence of outliers (Equation 5).

Equation 5:

$$DE\ z\ score = \frac{DE - median}{MAD}$$

Where median represents the median DE for all the siRNAs in the screen and MAD represents the an estimate mean of the standard deviations for all the siRNAs. As before, a DE z score of 0 represents no effect on viability whereas a negative DE score represents increased cell death and a positive DE score represents reduced cell death, i.e. drug resistance.

2.2.18 Reverse siRNA gene silencing

Reverse siRNA transfections were performed in 6-well plates. 5 µL of siRNA was combined with 250 µL optimem and incubated at room temperature for 5 minutes. 5 µL of RNAi max was combined with 250 µL optimem and incubated at room temperature for 10 minutes. Following their respective incubation periods the RNAi mixture and transfection mixture were combined in well of 6-well plate and incubated for 15 minutes under constant agitation at room temperature. 250,000 cells suspended in 2 mL serum free medium was then added to each well and plates returned to incubator at 37°C. After 24 hours, medium containing transfection mix was removed and replenished with fresh medium. 72 hours post transfection cells were seeded for cell viability assay or cell cycle analysis as previously described or harvested for protein extraction.

2.3 In vivo studies

2.3.1 Maximum tolerated dose (MTD) study for AZD6738

14 BALB/c nude mice aged between six and seven weeks were divided into 4 groups (2 with 3 mice and 2 with 4 mice). Group 1 (3 mice) was treated with vehicle, consisting of 10% DMSO (Sigma) plus 40% Propylene Glycol (also known as 1,2 Propan-diol) (Merck) + 50% de-ionised sterile water. Group 2 (3 mice) was treated with AZD6738 25 mg/kg on a 3 days on, 4 days off regime. Group 3 (4 mice) was treated with AZD6738 25 mg/kg 5 days on, and 2 days off regime. Group 4 (4 mice) was treated with AZD6738 25 mg/kg on a 7 days on, 7

days off regime. AZD6738 was reconstituted in vehicle and administered by oral gavage. Animals were treated for 30 days with their weight being measured before each dose of vehicle/AZD6738 was administered. If more than a 20% relative weight loss was observed the animals were culled.

2.3.2 Generation of luciferase expressing cell lines

Cells were infected in 6-well plate with Lenti-ONE RFP-2A-Luc2 lentiviral vector (GEG Tech) encoding red fluorescent protein (artificial sequence derived from sea anemone *Entacmaea quadricolor*) and Luciferase2 (artificial sequence derived from *Photinus pyralis* genome). Cells were expanded for 1 week and then FACS sorted for RFP positive cells using BD FACS ARIA II cell sorter (BD).

2.3.3 Assessment of luciferase activity

Cells seeded using a serial dilution in triplicate to 96-well plate with a highest concentration of 10,000 cells per well decreasing by half with each dilution until 312.5 cells/well reached. 24 hours later luciferin (Perkin Elmer) was added to each well to give a final concentration of 150 µg/mL. After 2-3 minutes, total flux luminescence in photons/second was measured using IVIS® Spectrum In Vivo Imaging System (Perkins Elmer).

2.3.4 Pilot *in vivo* study

1 x 10⁶ luciferase expressing TOV21G cells were diluted in 100 µL sterile PBS and injected directly in to the intraperitoneal cavity of three BALB/c nude mice per genotype. *In vivo* imaging using IVIS® Spectrum In Vivo Imaging System was performed three times per week. Ten minutes before imaging luciferin 150 mg/kg was injected into the peritoneum. Home office end points granted on the project licence were applied for decisions regarding culling. This followed signs linked to tumours such high IVIS signal, abdominal distention due to ascites, low body condition score and change in health status related to abdominal tumours.

2.3.5 Full *in vivo* study

1 x 10⁶ luciferase expressing TOV21G cells were diluted in 100 µL sterile PBS and injected directly in to the intraperitoneal cavity of 30 BALB/c nude mice per *PPP2R1A* genotype. 6 days post inoculation animals were treated with vehicle or AZD6738 25 mg/kg on a 5 days on, days off regime as outlined in Section 3.3.2. *In vivo* imaging using IVIS® Spectrum In Vivo Imaging System was performed three times per week until 17 days post treatment initiation. Ten minutes before imaging luciferin 150 mg/kg was injected in to the peritoneum. Animals continued to be treated and monitored for survival assessment up until 30 days. Home office end points granted on the project licence were applied for decisions regarding culling. This followed signs linked to tumours such high IVIS signal, abdominal distention due to ascites, low body condition score and change in health status related to abdominal tumours. Throughout the study, body weight was measured

prior to the administration of vehicle/AZD6738, with animals being culled if more than a 20% relative weight loss was observed.

2.4 Statistical analysis

Statistical analysis was performed using GraphPad Prism. The statistical test used for each analysis is defined in the figure legend. Statistical significance set at $p < 0.05$.

Chapter 3. identify genetic determinants of ATRi sensitivity in ARID1A mutant ovarian clear cell carcinoma.

3.1 Introduction

Williamson and Lord have previously demonstrated that loss of *ARID1A* causes ATR inhibitor (ATRi) sensitivity in models of ovarian clear cell carcinoma (OCCC) (Williamson, Miller et al. 2016). This data led to a number of clinical trials, including NCT04065269 (ATARI) and NCT03682289. In order to better understand what, in addition to *ARID1A*, controls ATRi responses in OCC, I designed a genome-wide CRISPR-Cas9 mutagenesis ATRi chemosensitivity screen in ATRi-sensitive, *ARID1A* mutant TOV21G OCC cells (*ARID1A* p.549fs, p.756fs). My intention in doing this was to generate information that could be used to inform the analysis of trials such as ATARI.

3.2 Generation of Cas9 positive TOV21G cells

For the purposes of the screen, Cas9-positive TOV21G cells were generated by Dr Feifei Song (Lord Lab). Cells were transduced with EditR inducible lentiviral hEF1a-Blast-Cas9 nuclease (Dharmacon) and selected in blasticidin. This led to the generation of a Cas9-expressing daughter clone (Figure 3.1).

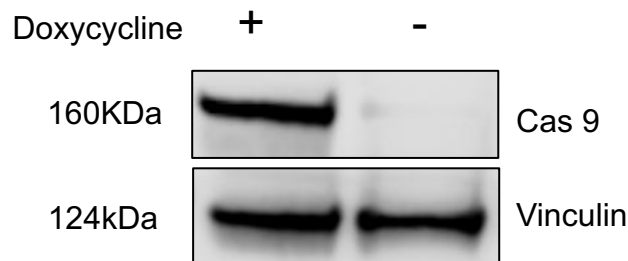


Figure 3.1 Western blot confirming induction of Cas9 following exposure to doxycycline. Whole cell extracts from iCas9 expressing TOV21G cells following exposure to doxycycline (1 µg/ml) for 24 hours.

Following the generation of the Cas9 positive TOV21G cells, I confirmed the sensitivity of these cells to either of two different clinical ATRi, AZD6738 and VX970, using *ARID1A* isogenic HCT116 cells as controls (HCT116 *ARID1A*^{+/+} and HCT116 *ARID1A*^{-/-}) (Figure 3.2).

3.3 Screen overview

I designed a genome-wide CRISPR screen in which Cas9+ TOV21G cells were infected with a short guide RNA (sgRNA) library designed to target 18,010 genes, using a multiplicity of infection of 0.3 designed to introduce only one gRNA per cell (Figure 3.3). Here a representation (number of cells per sgRNA) of >1000 was used, to maximise the potential to identify sgRNAs that altered ATRi sensitivity. Transduced cells were then exposed to AZD6738 or the drug vehicle (DMSO) for two weeks, after which sgRNA frequency in the surviving cell populations was determined by deep sequencing.

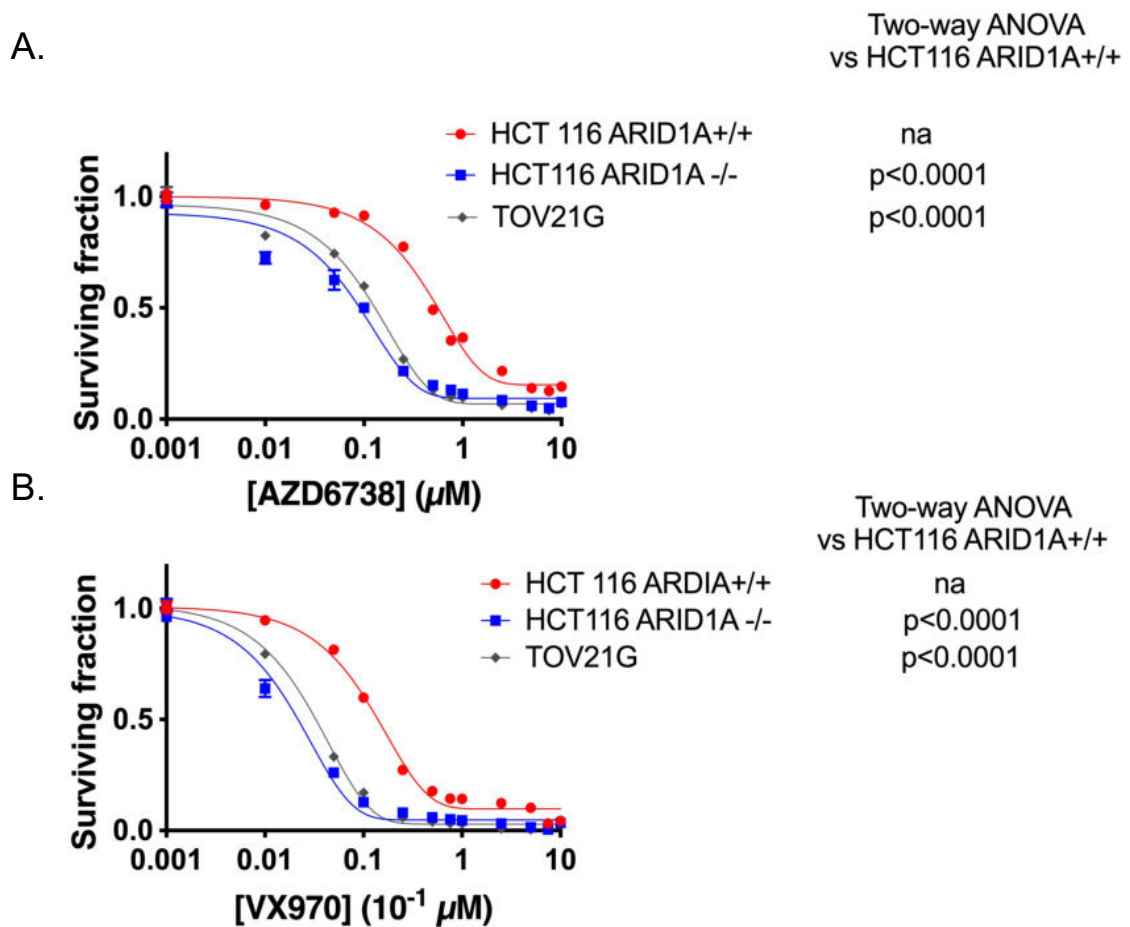


Figure 3.2 TOV21G cells are sensitive to ATRi. (A-B) Dose response curves illustrating the ATRi sensitivity of OCCC TOV21G cells. Cells were plated in 384 well plates and exposed to either AZD6738 (A) or VX970 (B) for five continuous days, at which point cell viability was assessed using CellTitre-Glo®. ARID1A^{+/+} and ARID1A^{-/-} HCT116 cells are included as controls. Error bars represent standard error of the mean (SEM) from 5 replicates. Significance determined via two-way ANOVA.

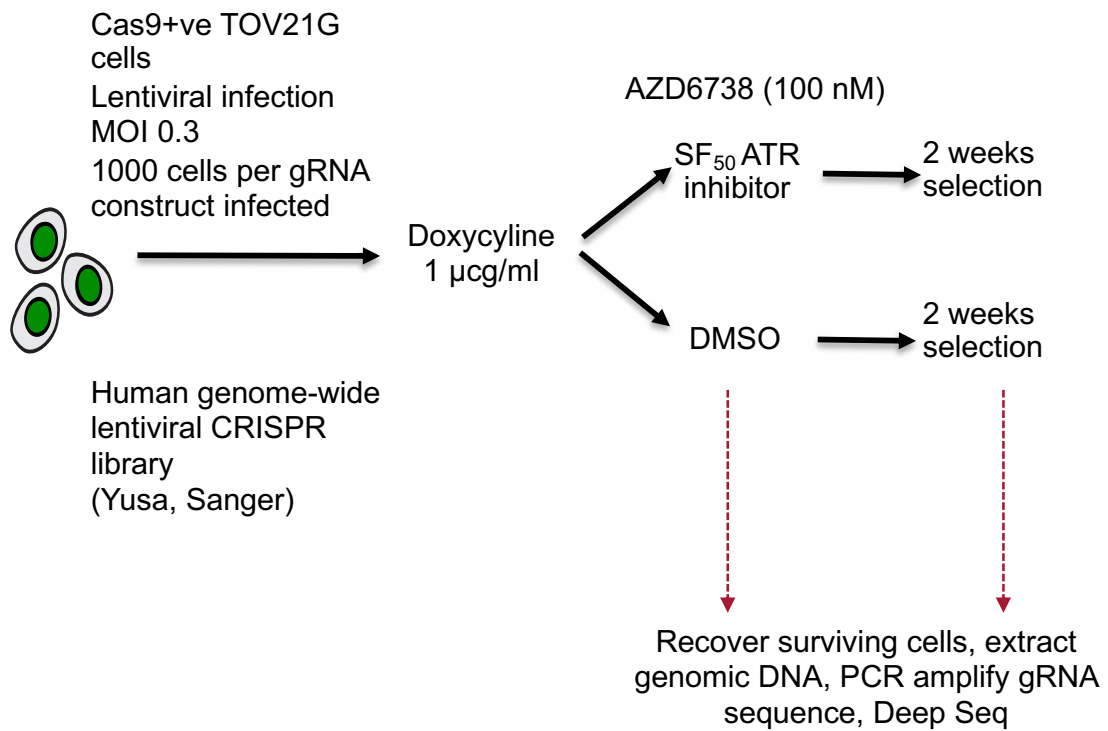


Figure 3.3 Screen schema for genome wide CRISPRn screen. Cas9 expressing TOV21G cells infected with lentiviral library targeting 20,000 genes with representation of 5 sgRNA per gene. Following induction of Cas9 with doxycycline cells were exposed to AZD6738 100 nM or DMSO for two weeks. Cells were harvested prior to drug/DMSO exposure and after 2 weeks for genomic DNA extraction and next-generation sequencing.

3.4 Data analysis

sgRNA abundance was determined in the populations exposed to AZD6738 or DMSO using a gene-based depletion score termed Norm Z (Colic, Wang et al. 2019). I assessed the quality of this screen by assessing the performance of sgRNA designed to target “core essential genes” – i.e. those genes that are essential in most cell lineages (Hart, Chandrashekar et al. 2015), observing significantly lower Norm Z scores in the core essential genes when compared to the non-essential genes ($p < 0.0001$, unpaired Wilcoxon rank sum test) (Figure 3.4).

By comparing sgRNA frequencies in DMSO and ATRi-exposed cultures, I determined the identity of genes that controlled ATRi sensitivity/resistance. In TOV21G cells, sgRNA designed to target *POLE3* or *POLE4* (DNA polymerase ϵ accessory subunit encoding genes) caused AZD6738 sensitivity (Figure 3.5), consistent with similar ATRi chemosensitivity screens carried out in other cell lines (Hustedt, Alvarez-Quilon et al. 2019). Similarly, gRNA designed to target *CDC25B* and *CDK2* caused AZD6738 resistance (Figure 3.5), consistent with previous reports (Ruiz, Mayor-Ruiz et al. 2016), indicating that the screen was able to detect genetic determinants of both sensitivity and resistance to ATRi.

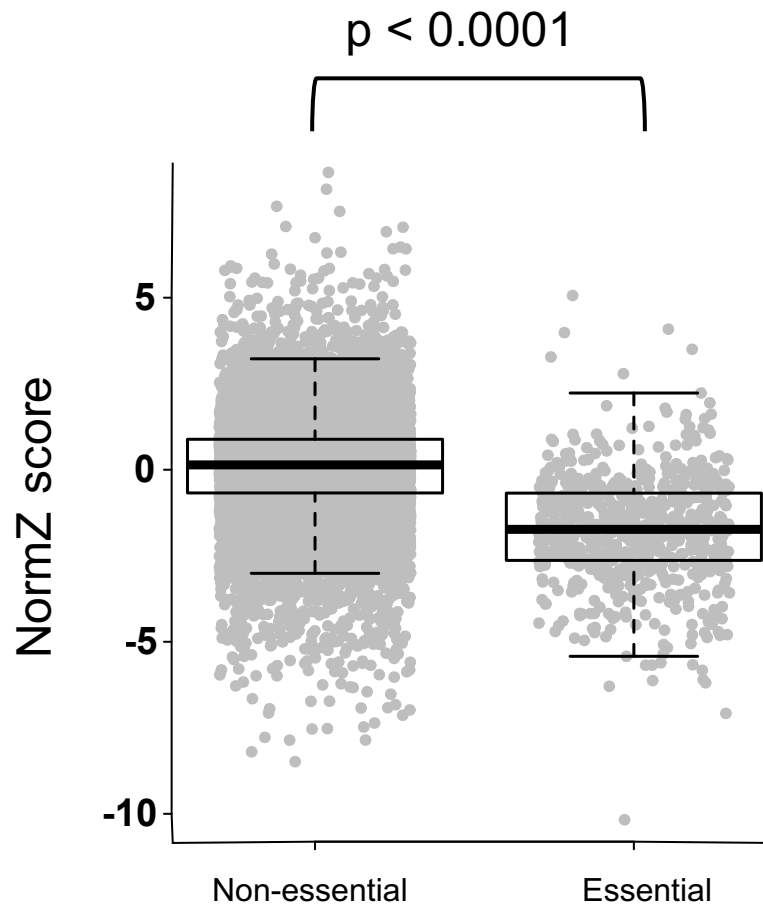


Figure 3.4 . CRISPR-Cas9 screen quality control plot. Jitter box plots showing gene level normalised Z scores (NormZ) scores for 18,009 genes classified as either “core essential” or “non-core essential”(Hart et al., 2015). Core essential genes had significantly lower NormZ scores than non-core essential genes ($p < 0.001$, non-parametric unpaired Wilcoxon rank sum test).

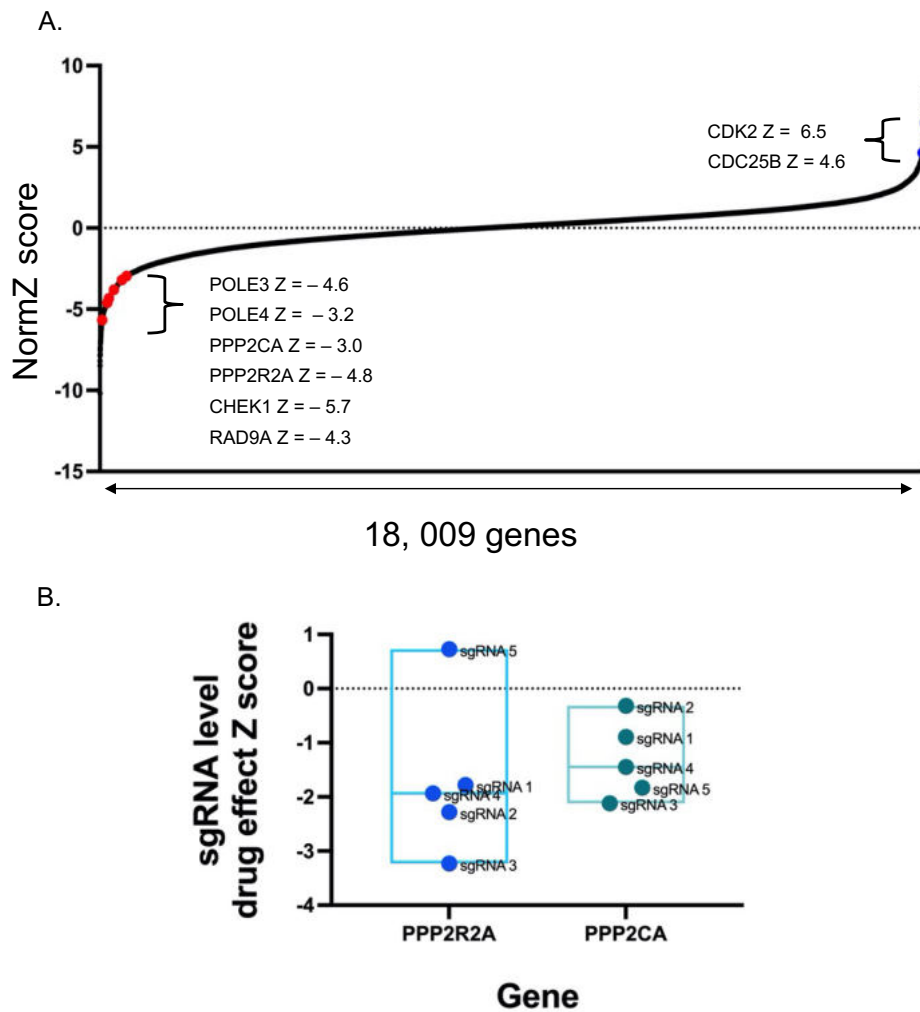


Figure 3.5 Genome wide CRISPRn screen identifies several genes encoding PP2A subunits as ATRi response genes. (A) Scatter plot showing the ranked gene-level NormZ scores from the genome wide CRISPR-Cas9 screen. PPP2R2A and PPP2CA were identified as sensitising "hits" along with several other genes previously known to cause sensitivity to ATRi such as POLE3, POLE4, CHEK1 and RAD9A . (B) Guide level Z scores from the genome wide CRISPR screen for the sgRNAs designed to target PPP2R2A or PPP2CA.

3.5 Genes encoding Protein phosphatase 2A genes identified as ATRi response genes

Using a Norm Z score of less than -2.0 as a threshold for indicating a significant sensitizing effect, I noticed that sgRNA targeting the protein phosphatase 2A (PP2A) subunits *PPP2CA* and *PPP2R2A* caused ATRi sensitivity in TOV21G cells (Figure 3.5), an effect analogous to the effect of *PPP2R2A* shRNA causing ATRi sensitivity in non-small cell lung cancer tumour cell lines (Qiu, Fa et al. 2020).

PP2A is a highly conserved serine/threonine phosphatase responsible for the majority of phosphatase activity in eukaryotic cells (Janssens and Goris 2001, Sontag 2001). The broad spectrum of cellular processes in which PP2A is involved is enabled by its complex structure. PP2A is a heterotrimeric holoenzyme consisting of a scaffolding subunit (A) which forms a core dimer with a catalytic (C) subunit (Cho and Xu 2007). Substrate specificity and subcellular localisation of PP2A is imparted through the incorporation of a regulatory (B) subunit, of which 19 have been described, into the holoenzyme complex (Martens, Stevens et al. 2004). Several isoforms of the scaffolding, regulatory and catalytic subunits have been previously described Table 3.1 and are either encoded by discrete genes or are a consequence of alternative splicing of the same gene (Janssens and Goris 2001, Sontag 2001, Martens, Stevens et al. 2004). Genes identified as ATRi response genes in a genome wide CRISPRn screen, namely *PPP2R1A* and *PPP2R2A*, encode the scaffolding and catalytic subunits respectively (Figure 3.6).

Subunit	Gene	Isoform	Alternative Name	Chromosome	Normal tissue distribution	Subcellular localization	Abnormal tissue distribution	Refs
Scaffold (A)	PPP2R1A	α	PR65 α ,PP2A-A α	19q13.33	Ubiquitously expressed in all the tissues	Cytosol	Lung, breast, melanoma, endometrial and ovarian cancer	(Hemmings, Adams-Pearson et al. 1990, Wang, Esplin et al. 1998)
	PPP2R1B	β	PR65 β ,PP2A-A β	11q23.2	Ubiquitously expressed and highly expressed in ovary (oogenesis)	Cytosol	Lung, Breast, colon, ovarian, B-CLL	(Hemmings, Adams-Pearson et al. 1990, Wang, Esplin et al. 1998)
Catalytic (C)	PPP2CA	α	PP2A α	5q31.1	Brain and Heart	Cytoplasm and Nucleus	Prostate	(Arino, Woon et al. 1988, Khew-Goodall and Hemmings 1988, Bhardwaj, Singh et al. 2011)
	PPP2CB	β	PP2A β	8p12	Brain and Heart	Cytoplasm and Nucleus	-	(Arino, Woon et al. 1988, Khew-Goodall and Hemmings 1988)
Regulatory (B)	PPP2R2A	α	PR55 α ,PP2AB α	8p21.1	Widely distributed in all tissues	Membranes, cytoplasm, Microtubules Nucleus. Golgi complex, endoplasmic reticulum and neurofilaments	AML, prostate	(Hemmings, Adams-Pearson et al. 1990, Cheng, Liu et al. 2011, Ruvolo, Ruvolo et al. 2014)
	PPP2R2B	β	PR55 β ,PP2AB β	5q31-5q32	Brain and testis	Cytosol	-	(Hemmings, Adams-Pearson et al. 1990)
	PPP2R2C	γ	PR55 γ , PP2AB γ	4p16.1	Brain	Mainly in Cytoskeletal fraction	Lung cancer, melanoma	(Zolnierowicz, Csontos et al. 1994, Banerjee, Read et al. 2007)
	PPP2R2D	δ	PR56/61 δ , PP2AB' δ	6p21.1	Primarily exist in brain	Cytoplasm, Nucleus, Mitochondria, Microsomes	-	(Strack, Chang et al. 1999)
Regulatory(B')	PPP2R5A	α	PR56/61 α ,PP2AB' α	1q32.2-q32.3	Cardiac tissues and skeletal muscles	Cytoplasm	-	(McCright, Rivers et al. 1996)
	PPP2R5B	β	PR56/61 β ,PP2AB' β	11q12-q13	Brain	Cytoplasm	-	(Csontos, Zolnierowicz et al. 1996, McCright, Rivers et al. 1996)
	PPP2R5C	γ , 2,3	PR56/61 γ , PP2AB' γ	14q32	Cardiac tissues and skeletal muscles (HE)	Cytoplasm and Nucleus	Lung cancer ,reduced level in melanoma cells	(Csontos, Zolnierowicz et al. 1996, McCright, Rivers et al. 1996, Francia, Poulsom et al. 1999)
	PPP2R5D	δ	PR56/61 δ , PP2AB' δ	6p21.1	Primarily exist in brain	Cytoplasm, Nucleus, Mitochondria, Microsomes	-	(McCright, Rivers et al. 1996, Tanabe, Nagase et al. 1996)

	PPP2R5E	ε	PR56/61ε, PP2AB'ε	14q23.1	Primarily exist in brain	Cytoplasm	Breast cancer, Soft tissue sarcoma	(McCright, Rivers et al. 1996, Dupont, Breyer et al. 2010)
Regulatory(B'')	PPP2R3A	α	PR130, B''α1	3q22.1	Brain(HE), heart, Lung, kidney and muscle	Centrosome and Golgi complex	-	(Mayer-Jaekel and Hemmings 1994)
	PPP2R3A	α	PR72, B''α2	3q22.1	Heart(HE) and skeletal muscle	Cytosol and nucleus		(Mayer-Jaekel and Hemmings 1994)
	PP2R3B	β	PR70, PR48, B''β	Xp22.33, Y11.3	Placenta	Nucleus	-	(Yan, Fedorov et al. 2000)
	PPP2R3C	γ	G5PR, G4-1	14q13.2	During developmental process expressed in fetal brain	Nucleus	-	(Kamnasaran, Chen et al. 2005)
	PPP2R3D	δ	PR59, B''δ		Cardiac tissue, Kidney and Lungs	Nucleus	-	(Voorhoeve, Watson et al. 1999)
Regulatory(B''')	STRN		Striatin, PR110	2p22.2	Brain	Membrane and cytoplasm	-	(Moreno, Park et al. 2000)
	STRN3		SG2NA	14q13-q21	Neurons	Nucleus	-	(Moreno, Park et al. 2000)
	PPP2R4		PTPA, PR53	9q34	Widely expressed	Cytosol, Nucleus	-	(Cayla, Van Hoof et al. 1994, Janssens and Goris 2001)

Table 3.1 Summary of PP2A subunits, along with their tissue distribution, subcellular localization together and abnormal tissue distribution in disease states.

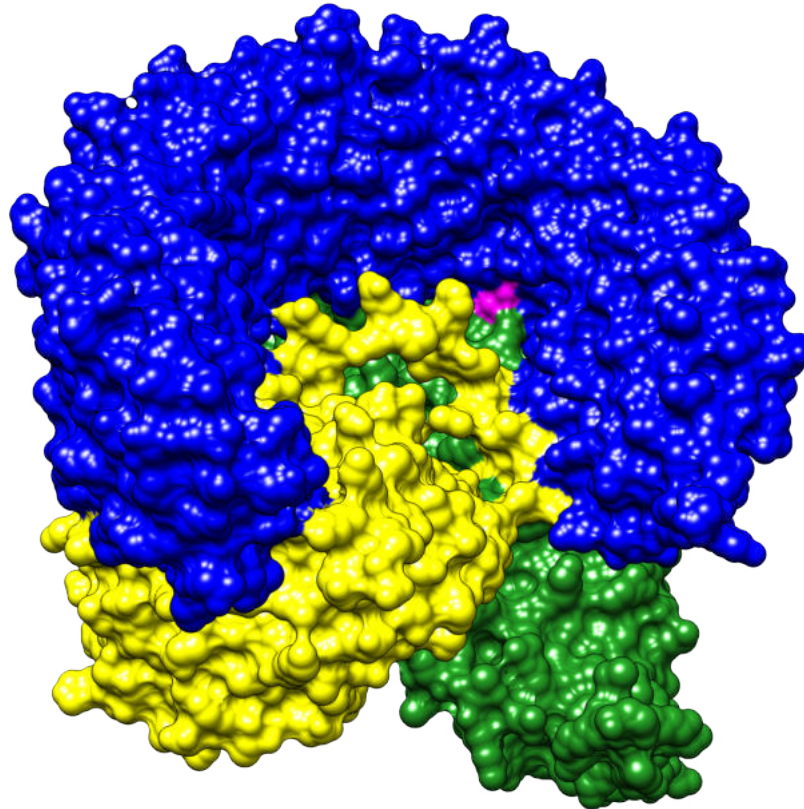


Figure 3.6 Crystal structure for the PP2A holoenzyme. Scaffolding subunit shown in blue, catalytic subunit shown in yellow and regulatory subunit shown in green. Conserved PPP2R1A p.R183 missense mutations, shown in pink, lead to amino acid substitutions at the site where the scaffolding subunit interacts with regulatory subunit. Xu *et al* (2006).

3.6 Revalidation of PPP2R2A as ATRi response gene using EditR approach

In subsequent experiments using *PPP2R2A* specific sgRNA, I confirmed the relationship between deleterious mutations in PP2A and ATRi sensitivity, finding that two different sgRNA targeting *PPP2R2A* caused a significant (two-way ANOVA, $p < 0.001$) increase in ATRi sensitivity, to a similar extent as that caused by sgRNA targeting the known ATR synthetic lethal gene, *ATM* (Figure 3.7). In order to confirm *PPP2R2A*-specific mutagenesis, I performed TIDE analysis on genomic DNA following transfection with the Cas9 nuclease and sgRNAs targeting *PPP2R2A*. This analysis revealed an editing efficiency of 18 % for both sgRNAs, which was sufficient to increase sensitivity to ATRi in this model (Figure 3.8).

3.7 Genes encoding PP2A subunits identified as ATRi response genes in multiple genome wide CRISPRn/i screens in molecularly distinct cell line

To assess whether PP2A-CRISPR ATRi sensitivity was private to TOV21G cells, or indeed a more generalisable effect, I re-analysed data from four additional genome-wide CRISPR screens carried out by Drs. Rachel Brough, Fei Fei Song and Joseph Baxter in the Lord Lab. These were carried out in an additional cell line, a non-tumour epithelial line with an engineered *p53* mutation, MCF10A *p53*^{mutant}. These were both CRISPR mutagenesis (CRISPRn) and CRISPR interference (CRISPRi) screens in MCF10A *p53*^{mutant} cells, using two different

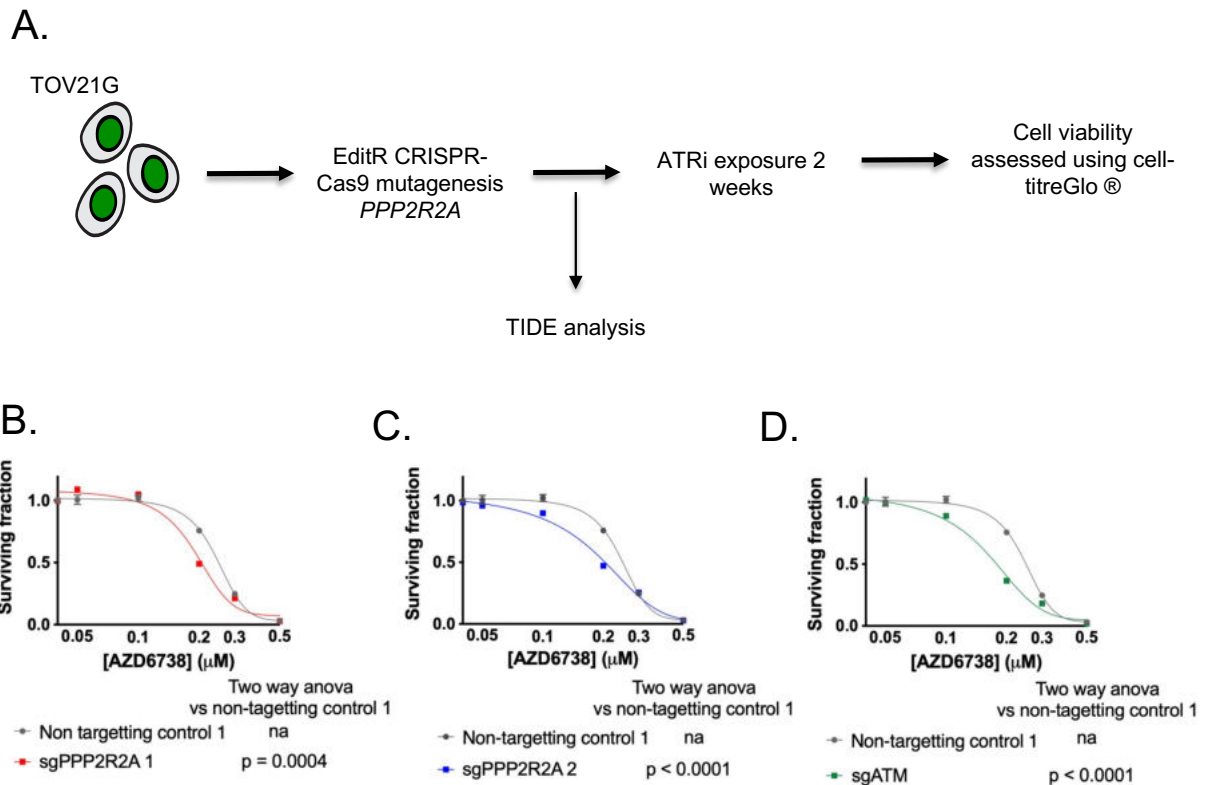
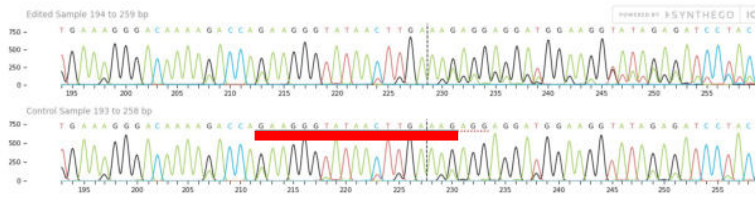
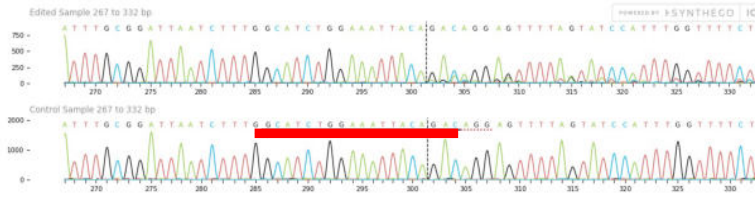


Figure 3.7 PPP2R2A revalidates as ATRi response genes using EditR approach. (A) Screen revalidation schema. TOV21G cells were transfected with either non-targeting, PPP2R2A specific or ATM– specific sgRNAs. 2 days after transfection, a fraction of cells were recovered for genomic DNA extraction and DNA sequencing analysis to confirm PPP2R2A mutation. Remaining cells were then exposed to AZD6738 for 14 days after which cell viability was assessed using CellTitre-Glo®. (B-D) Dose response curves from experiment described in A. Curve for ATM is shown as positive control. Error bars represent standard error of the mean (SEM) from 4 replicates. Statistical significance determined via two-way ANOVA.

A. sgPPP2R2A 1



B. sgPPP2R2A 2



Indicates sgRNA target sequence

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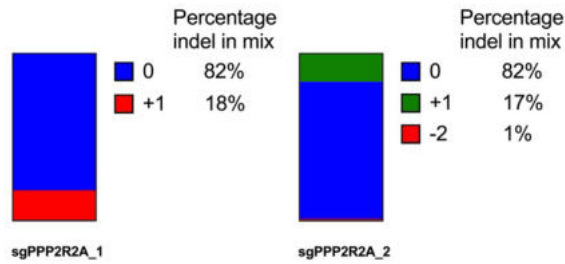


Figure 3.8 PPP2R2A mutagenesis confirmed using TIDE analysis. (A-B) Chromatogram showing sanger sequencing of sgRNA PPP2R2A_1 and sgRNA PPP2R2A_2 (top) versus non-targeting control sgRNAs (bottom). Evidence of PPP2R2A specific gene editing in the PPP2R2A_1 and PPP2R2A_2 transfected cells. (C) TIDE analysis plot. The fraction of DNA sequence reads with either no indel mutation (0), an indel mutation of +1 base or an indel mutation of -2 bases is shown. Both PPP2R2A sgRNAs generated an indel rate of 18 %.

clinical ATR inhibitors, AZD6738 and VX970 (Figure 3.9). All four screens identified *PPP2CA* (encoding the catalytic subunit), *PPP2R1A* (scaffolding subunit) and *PPP2R2A* (regulatory subunit) as determinants of ATRi sensitivity (Figure 3.10). The NormZ scores (including the number of guides from the library with a drug effect Z score less than -2) for genes encoding PP2A subunits from genome wide CRISPRn and CRISPRi screens outlined in Figures 3.9 and 3.10 are summarised in Table 3.2. Taken together with the TOV21G screen data, this suggested that defects in protein phosphatase 2A cause a relatively penetrant (Ryan, Bajrami et al. 2018) synthetic lethal effect, operating in multiple, molecularly distinct settings.

3.8 Chapter 3 Discussion

In addition to known genetic determinants of ATRi sensitivity, the genome wide CRISPRn screen performed in the OCCC cell line TOV21G identified several genes encoding different PP2A subunits. The penetrance of this effect was demonstrated in a molecularly distinct non-cancerous cell line using both a CRISPRi and CRISPRn approach, using two distinct ATRi (AZD6738 and VX970). In an independent experiment, transfection of two individual sgRNAs targeting *PPP2R2A* and recombinant Cas9 endonuclease significantly increased sensitivity to AZD6738 to a similar extent to sgRNA targeting ATM itself. *PPP2R2A*-specific mutagenesis was confirmed via TIDE analysis for both sgRNAs used in this revalidation experiment. This increased my

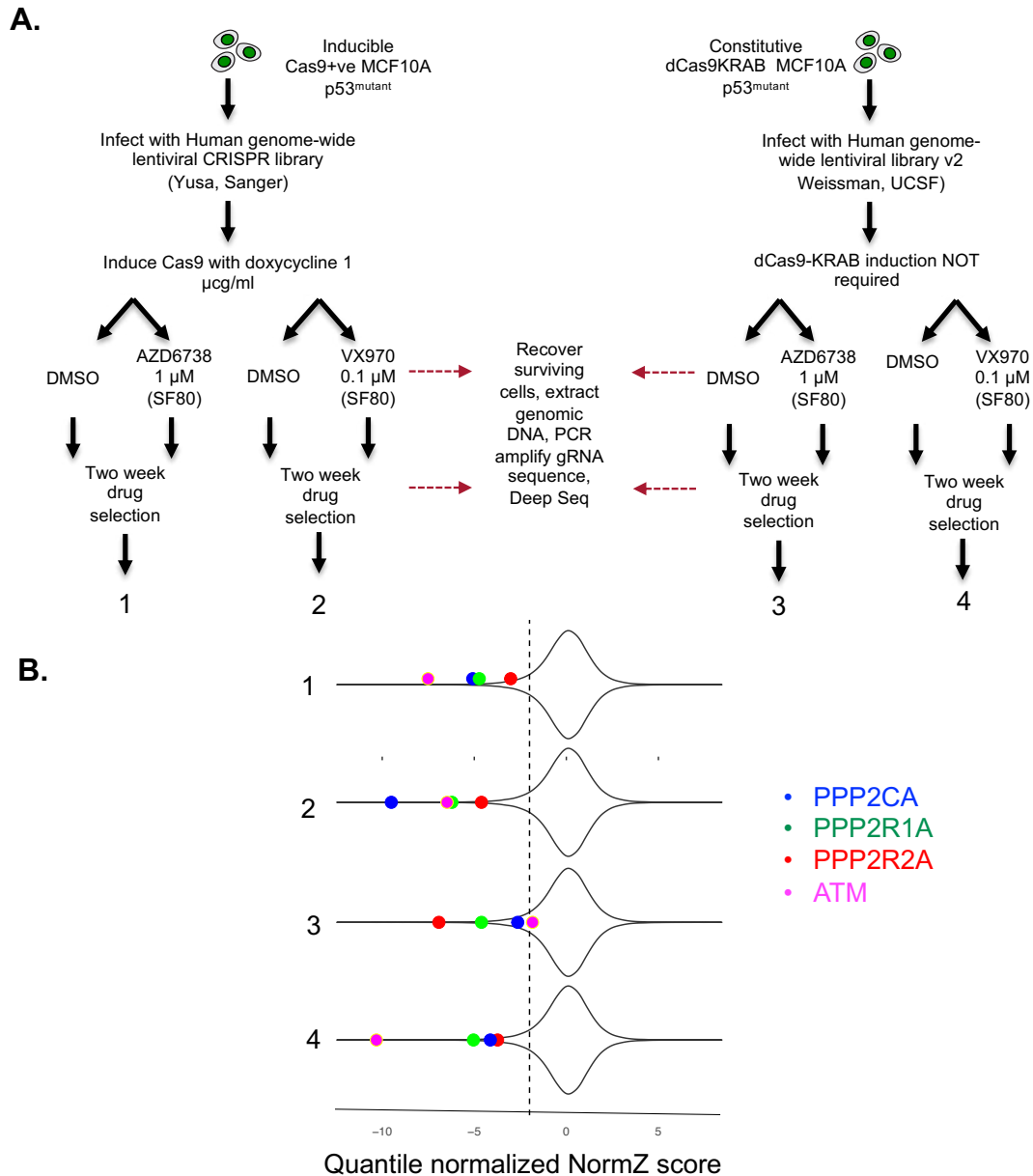


Figure 3.9 Genes encoding PP2A subunits identified in multiple genome wide CRISPRn/i screens performed in MCF10A cells. (A) Experimental scheme for additional CRISPR mutagenesis (CRISPRn) or CRISPR interference (CRISPRi) screens for genetic determinants of ATRi sensitivity. Non-tumour epithelial MCF10A cells, with a deleterious p53 mutation, expressing a doxycycline-inducible Cas9 transgene or constitutive dCas9-KRAB transgene were used as shown. AZD6738 SF80 was 1 μ M. VX970 SF80 was 0.1 μ M. (B) Violin plots showing the quantile normalized NormZ scores for either 18009 genes (CRISPRn screens) or 18905 genes (CRISPRi screens) from the screens described in (A).

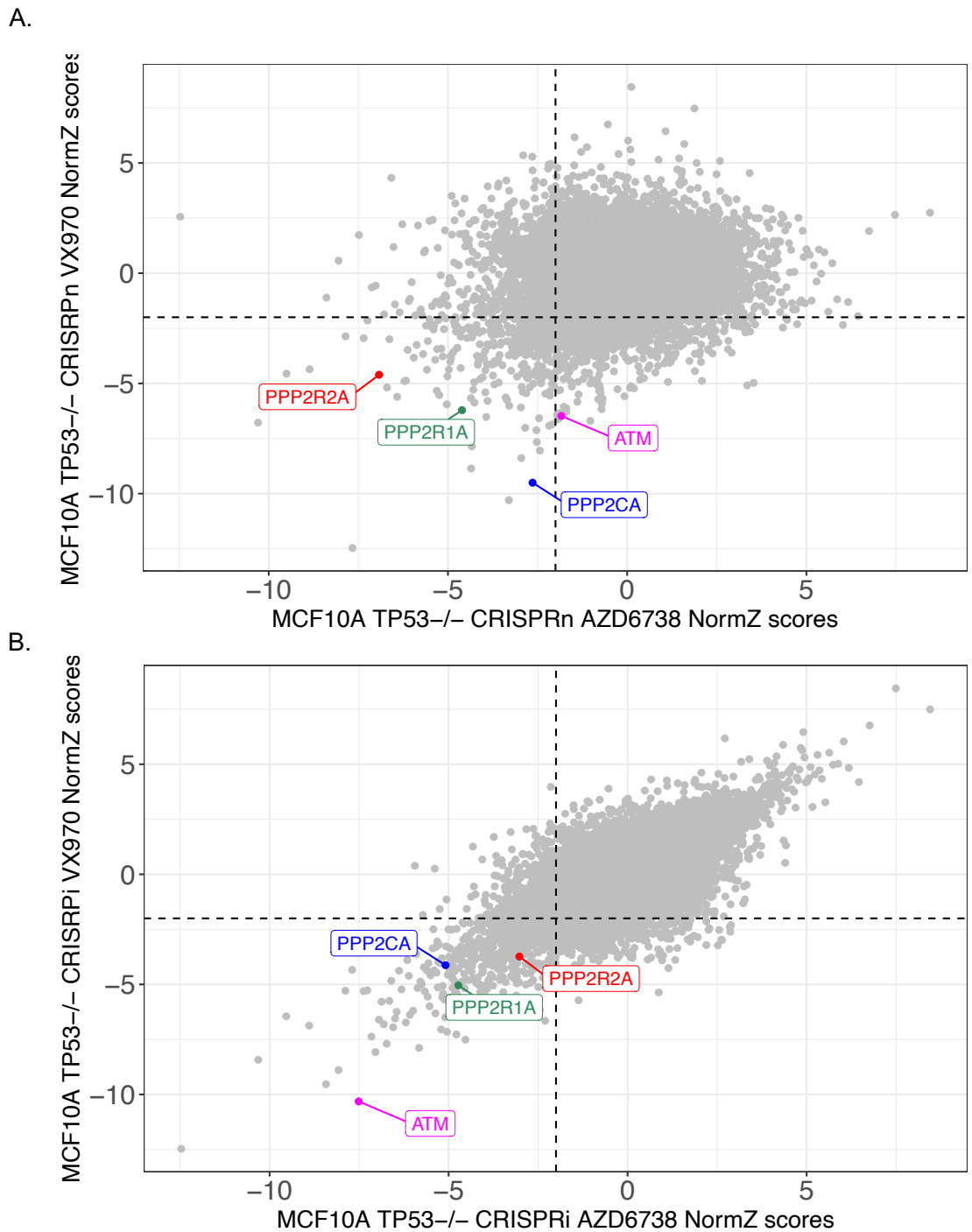


Figure 3.10 Quantile normalised NormZ scores from genome-wide CRISPRn/i screens with ATRi in MCF10A cells. Scatter plot showing the gene-level Norm Z score from the CRISPRN (A) and CRISPRi (B) screens performed with AZD6738 and VX970 described in Figure 8. Data points for PPP2R1A (green), PPP2R2A (red) and PPP2CA (blue) and ATM (magenta; positive control) are highlighted.

Cell line	p53 ^{-/-} MCF10A								TOV21G	
Cas9	Nuclease				Interference				Nuclease	
Drug	VX970		AZD6738		VX970		AZD6738		AZD6738	
	NormZ	No Guides < 2	NormZ	No Guides < 2	NormZ	No Guides < 2	NormZ	No Guides < 2	NormalZ	No Guides < 2
PPP2CA	-16.77	5	-14.64	5	-6.19	2	-8.65	2	-2.9	1
PPP2CB	0.53	0	-0.95	1	-1.53	0	-0.10	0	0.13	0
PPP2R1A	-8.21	4	-6.35	4	-8.22	5	-7.62	4	-0.36	0
PPP2R1B	-0.53	1	-2.09	0	0.24	0	-0.34	0	-2.05	1
PPP2R2A	-4.94	4	-2.21	2	-5.28	3	-4.34	3	-3.8	3
PPP2R2B	2.97	0	1.32	0	0.70	0	1.35	1	3.1	0
PPP2R5E	-2.85	1	-4.61	1	-3.73	2	-3.51	2	-2.8	1

Table 3.2 Summary of the gene level NormZ scores, together with the number of guides in the library with a drug effect Z score less than 2, for genes encoding PP2A subunits included in genome wide CRISPRn or CRISPRi screens performed within our group.

confidence that the identification of PPP2R2A in the CRISPRn screen was not an artefact.

The selection of genetic determinants of drug sensitivity from CRISPR mutagenesis and other genetic perturbation screens demands that the genes selected meet a number of criteria:

1. Large effect size
2. Highly penetrant effect
3. Biological relevance to the tumour type of interest.

One potential caveat to the interpretation of the genome-wide CRISPRn screen results is the relative effect size of the effects delivered by sgRNAs targeting genes encoding PP2A subunits relative to other genes targeted. The gene-level Norm Z score for *PPP2RA* (−3.8) and *PPP2CA* (−2.9) rank these genes as the 304th and 584th most sensitizing effect respectively. Therefore, it could be argued that focusing on PP2A subunits for further validation excludes other genetic determinants of ATRi sensitivity with a greater effect size. However, as described in later chapters, genes encoding PP2A subunits have clinical significance in gynaecological malignancies, hence the focus on these.

With the advent of increasingly complex strategies for performing genetic perturbation screens, our ability to identify synthetic lethal interactions operating in cancer has increased. The penetrance of these effects refers to the extent to which they impact upon the genetic background of the cell model

they are observed in. Highly penetrant effects are ubiquitously observed irrespective of other genetic aberrations present, whilst effects with incomplete penetrance are highly context dependent, being heavily impacted by the presence of other mutations (Ryan, Bajrami et al. 2018). The identification of genes encoding PP2A subunits in five independent genome-wide CRISPRn/i screens performed with ATRi in two molecularly distinct backgrounds suggests that the observed effects are not private to TOV21G cells, gynaecological malignancies nor *ARID1A* mutant cells. This does not mean that this effect is not relevant in OCCC, other gynaecological malignancies or *ARID1A* mutant cancer but rather that is not dependent on these factors.

During the course of this project *Qui et al* published the results of a genome-wide pooled shRNA screen performed in preclinical models of non-small cell lung cancer to identify genetic determinants of ATRi and checkpoint kinase 1 inhibitors (CHK1i) (Qiu, Fa et al. 2020). In addition to identifying genes previously implicated in ATRi and CHK1i sensitivity, including replication proteins A1, A2 and A3 (RPA1-3) (Lee, Zhou et al. 2016) and WEE1 (Hustedt, Alvarez-Quilon et al. 2019), several PP2A components including genes encoding the scaffolding subunit (*PPP2R1A*) and two regulatory subunits (*PPP2R2A*, *PPP2R5B*) were identified as ATRi response genes. Mechanistically, *PPP2R2A* gene silencing was shown to increase basal levels of c-MYC at the post-translational level (Qiu, Fa et al. 2020) a known cause of replication stress (Dominguez-Sola, Ying et al. 2007) and a suspected cause of subsequent ATRi sensitivity (Young, O'Connor et al. 2019, Xing, Zhang et al. 2020, King, Southgate et al. 2021).

The putative relationship between PP2A and replication stress was explored further by *Li et al (Li, Kozono et al. 2020)* who reported that an endogenous PP2A inhibitor, FAM112A, is phosphorylated and inactivated by the CHK1. PP2A is known to dephosphorylate WEE1 on residues Ser53 and Ser153. Therefore, increased PP2A-phosphatase activity leads to a reduction in WEE1 phosphorylation, thereby blocking its ubiquitin mediated degradation and consequently increasing total cellular WEE1 levels (Li, Kozono et al. 2020). WEE1 is a known mediator of the G₂/M cell cycle checkpoint (Perry and Kornbluth 2007, Aarts, Sharpe et al. 2012). The authors therefore propose that loss of FAM122A constitutes a mechanism of acquired CHK1i resistance (Li, Kozono et al. 2020). CRISPR mediated mutagenesis or interference of gene encoded PP2A subunits could therefore be hypothesized to lead to decreased WEE1 levels, with the established effect of abrogating the G₂/M checkpoint and increasing sensitivity to ATRi (Bukhari, Lewis et al. 2019, Young, O'Connor et al. 2019). This will be explored in subsequent chapters.

Taken together, the data included in this chapter and published elsewhere supports a synthetic lethal interaction between ATR and PP2A. The relatively high prevalence of conserved *PPP2R1A* mutations in OCCC, as discussed in the following chapter, and published data suggesting that these mutations disrupt PP2A stoichiometry and function, led me to hypothesize that they may drive ATRi sensitivity in ARID1A-deficient OCCC. In subsequent chapters I describe the generation of isogenic models to explore the effect of *PPP2R1A* p.R183 mutation on the response to ATRi.

Chapter 4. PPP2R1A p.R183W and p.R183P mutations cause ATRi-induced S phase stress, premature mitotic entry, genomic instability and ATRi synthetic lethality in OCC tumour cells.

4.1 Introduction

In gynaecological cancers, deletions in *PPP2R2A*, which encodes a PP2A regulatory subunit, are recurrent in serous ovarian cancer (Berger, Korkut et al. 2018), whereas dominant negative missense mutations in the scaffolding subunit, encoded by *PPP2R1A*, are more frequent in non-serous gynaecological malignancies such as ovarian clear cell carcinoma (Murali, Soslow et al. 2014). For example, in a study of 42 OCCCs (of which the majority were primary tumours) 7% exhibited a heterozygous *PPP2R1A* mutation; the clustering of *PPP2R1A* mutations around the coding sequence for residue p.R183 of *PPP2R1A* suggested that *PPP2R1A* might act as an oncogene in OCC (Jones, Wang et al. 2010). Heterozygous *PPP2R1A* missense mutations are also observed in endometrial cancer and, similar to ovarian cancer, the prevalence varies according to histological subtype. In endometrioid endometrial cancer, the most prevalent subtype, *PPP2R1A* missense mutations are observed in 2-7% of cases. However, in serous endometrial cancer, which accounts for approximately 10% of endometrial cancer cases, *PPP2R1A* missense mutations are observed in 20-60% of cases (McConechy, Anglesio et al. 2011, Zehir, Benayed et al. 2017).

Across cancer types *PPP2R1A* missense mutations are highly conserved and commonly result in amino acid substitutions in the scaffolding subunit at the site where it forms an interaction with the regulatory subunit (Jones, Wang et al. 2010). In preclinical models of serous endometrial cancer it has been demonstrated that the presence of *PPP2R1A* missense mutations leads to reduced incorporation of both the regulatory and catalytic subunits in to the PP2A holoenzyme complex and a subsequent reduction in PP2A-phosphatase activity (Taylor, O'Connor et al. 2019).

The identification of several PP2A subunits as ATRi response genes in the genome wide CRISPRn screen performed in TOV21G cells, along with the previous observations that heterozygous *PPP2R1A* missense occur in OCCC led me to explore how these mutations could impact the response to ATRi. Given the relative under-representation of OCCC cases in large publicly available cancer genomics data sets I sought to establish the incidence of *PPP2R1A* missense mutations and to determine the extent to which they co-occur with *ARID1A* mutations in an independent cohort of OCCC cases. I subsequently employed CRISPR prime gene editing to generate *PPP2R1A* isogenic models in an *ARID1A*-deficient OCCC background and assessed the response to ATRi in these newly generated models. Later, I established the phenotypic features associated with the ATRi response in *PPP2R1A-ARID1A* double mutant OCCC.

4.2 Assessment of PP2A subunit mutation frequency in ovarian clear cell carcinoma

As previously discussed, deletions affecting *PPP2R2A* are a frequent observation in serous ovarian cancer, seen in up to 17 % of cases (Figure 4.1A) (ICGC/TCGA 2020). *PPP2R1A* missense mutations have been reported to 7-20% of OCCC cases (Jones, Wang et al. 2010, Shih le, Panuganti et al. 2011, Kim, Lee et al. 2018). In order to independently assess the frequency of *PPP2R1A* mutations in OCC, genotyped genomic DNA from 23 primary OCCC tumours (patient details summarised in Table 4.1) which had received no prior therapy and were previously uncharacterised with respect to their *PPP2R1A* mutational status. Samples included in this analysis were collected as part of the Royal Marsden Hospital (RMH) NHS Foundation Trust study: CCR3705 “Analysis of tumour specimens for biomarkers in gynaecological cancers” and were used in the validation of the *ARID1A* immunohistochemistry assay utilised for patient stratification in ATARI (Khalique, Naidoo et al. 2018). As such, the *ARID1A* mutational status of these cases was already established.

In this case series 52% (12/23) had an established *ARID1A* mutation. I found that the same proportion, 52% (12/23), of cases exhibited a heterozygous missense mutation encoding residue p.R183 (Figure 4.1B). Of the *ARID1A* mutant cases in this OCC cohort, 33% (4/12) also had a *PPP2R1A* mutation (Figure 4.1B). In keeping with previous literature, the observed *PPP2R1A* missense mutations were anticipated to result in an arginine to proline, tryptophan, or glycine amino

acid substitution at position 183. This residue resides within one of the Huntington, elongation factor, PP2A, TOR kinase (HEAT) domains where the scaffolding subunit interacts with the regulatory subunit (Jones, Wang et al. 2010). This led me to explore the possibility that *PPP2R1A* mutations in OCC could cause ATRi synthetic lethality. Furthermore, as *ARID1A* and *PPP2R1A* mutations often co-occur and as *ARID1A* mutations in OCC have previously been linked to ATRi synthetic lethality (Williamson, Miller et al. 2016, Kurz, Miklyaeva et al. 2020, Yap, O'Carrigan et al. 2020) I also tested the hypothesis that *PPP2R1A* mutations could enhance the *ARID1A*/ATRi synthetic lethality.

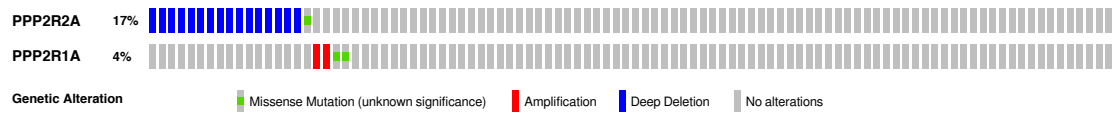
4.3 Generation of TOV21G *PPP2R1A* isogenic models using CRISPR prime gene editing

Most prior functional studies have used gene silencing to model the effect of *PPP2R1A* dysfunction (McConechy 2013) or used the ectopic expression of mutant *PPP2R1A* cDNA to model cancer associated *PPP2R1A* mutations (Haesen, Abbasi Asbagh et al. 2016, Toda-Ishii, Akaike et al. 2016, Taylor, O'Connor et al. 2019, O'Connor, Leonard et al. 2020, Lenaerts, Reynhout et al. 2021). With the advent of CRISPR-Cas9 mutagenesis methods, such as CRISPR-prime editing (Anzalone, Randolph et al. 2019), the ability to introduce precise mutations into genes is now more achievable.

Sample ID	Diagnosis	FIGO Stage	Grade	Endometriosis	Tumour recurrence	PPP2R1A mutation	PPP2R1A mutation Details	ARID1A Mutation	ARID1A mutation details
3705-0416	OCCC	2	3	Yes	No	No	-	Yes	p.G191fs, p.T485*
3705-0464	OCCC	2	3	No	No	Yes	p.R183P	Yes	p.I2275S, p.G2070*
3705-0544	OCCC	1	3	No	Yes	Yes	p.R183P	No	-
3705-0558	OCCC	1	3	Yes	Yes	Yes	p.R183G	No	-
3705-0453	OCCC	2	3	Yes	Yes	No	-	No	-
3705-0435	OCCC	3	3	No	Yes	No	-	No	-
3705-0545	OCCC	3	3	Yes	Yes	Yes	p.R183P	Yes	p.G319fs, p.L1100fs
3705-0379	OCCC	1	3	Yes	No	Yes	p.R183P	No	-
3705-0383	OCCC	1	3	No	No	No	-	No	-
3705-0423	OCCC	3	3	Yes	No	Yes	p.R183W	No	-
3705-0461	OCCC	3	3	Yes	Yes	Yes	p.R183P	No	-
3705-0625	OCCC	3	3	Yes	Yes	No	-	Yes	p.A162fs; p.R1941
3705-0646	OCCC	2	3	Yes	No	No	-	Yes	p.D1593fs
3705-0669	OCCC	2	3	No	No	Yes	p.R183P	Yes	p.G566*
3705-0673	OCCC	1	3	Yes	Yes	Yes	p.R183P	No	-
3705-0082	OCCC	3	3	Unknown	Yes	Yes	p.R183P	No	-
3705-0181	OCCC	2	3	No	No	No	-	No	-
3705-0559	OCCC	4	3	Unknown	Yes	Yes	p.R183P	No	-
3705-0635	OCCC	1	3	Yes	Yes	No	-	Yes	p.S1768*
3705-0719	OCCC	3	3	No	Yes	No	-	Yes	p.G13421*
3705-0720	OCCC	3	3	Yes	No	No	-	Yes	p.Y560*
3705-0713	OCCC	2	3	Unknown	Yes	Yes	p.R183P	Yes	p.S607*
3705-0459	OCCC	1	3	No	No	No	-	Yes	p.S280*

Table 4.1 Table 4.1. Patient characteristics for cohort summarized in Figure 4.1

A. Serous ovarian cancer, ICGC/TCGA (2020)



B. Ovarian clear cell carcinoma, this study

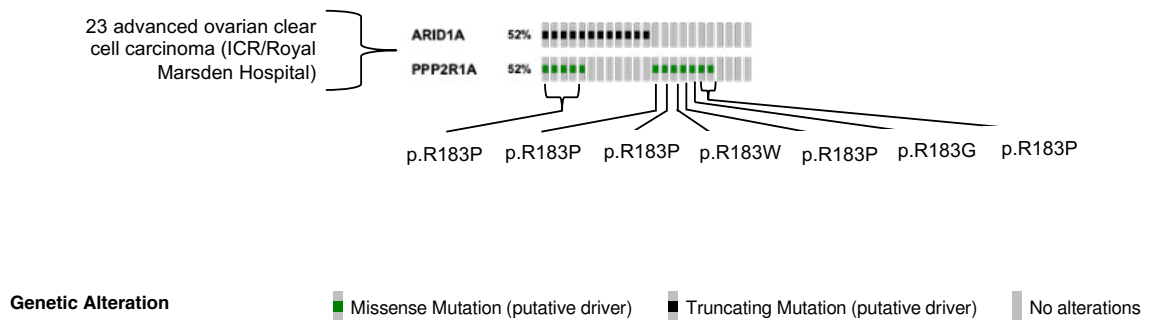


Figure 4.1 PPP2R1A missense mutations are prevalent in OCCC and co-occur with ARID1A mutations. Oncoprints illustrating prevalence of PPP2R2A deletions in serous ovarian cancer (A) or PPP2R1A mutations in ovarian clear cell carcinoma (OCCC – shown in B). Oncoprint in (A) generated from data in (ICGC/TCGA, 2020). Oncoprint in (B) generated by genotyping of 30 cases of advanced OCCC from the Royal Marsden Hospital.

In summary, CRISPR-prime editing is a technique which enables the introduction of a specific DNA sequence change without the need to provide donor DNA or the production of double strand DNA breaks. Cells are transfected with a modified Cas9 which produces a single strand DNA break (nick) fused to a reverse transcriptase (PE2), along with prime editing guide RNA (pegRNA), which guides PE2 to the sequence of interest and encodes the new genetic information that replaces the target sequence. Nicking of the target DNA sequence exposes the 3'-hydroxyl group, thereby initiating the process of the reverse transcription from the pegRNA. The product of this process is a branched intermediate containing two DNA flaps, one with the edited (newly synthesised) sequence and the other with the unedited (endogenous) sequence. The unedited flap is cleaved by specific endonucleases or 5'-exonucleases, enabling the process of 3'-strand ligation resulting in the formation of a heteroduplex double stranded DNA structure in which one DNA strand contains the edited sequence and the other the unedited sequence i.e. contains a nucleotide mismatch. Removal of the mismatch relies on the cell's intrinsic mismatch repair machinery (MMR), which can result in two outcomes. The genetic sequence in the edited strand can be copied onto the unedited strand thereby, indelibly installing the edited sequence. Alternatively, the reverse can occur, with the endogenous sequence being copied on to the edited strand, thereby permanently excluding the sequence change (Anzalone, Randolph et al. 2019). The addition of a nicking prime editing guide to the PE2 system creates a single strand DNA nick in the unedited strand, biasing the cell to using the edited strand as a template for repair

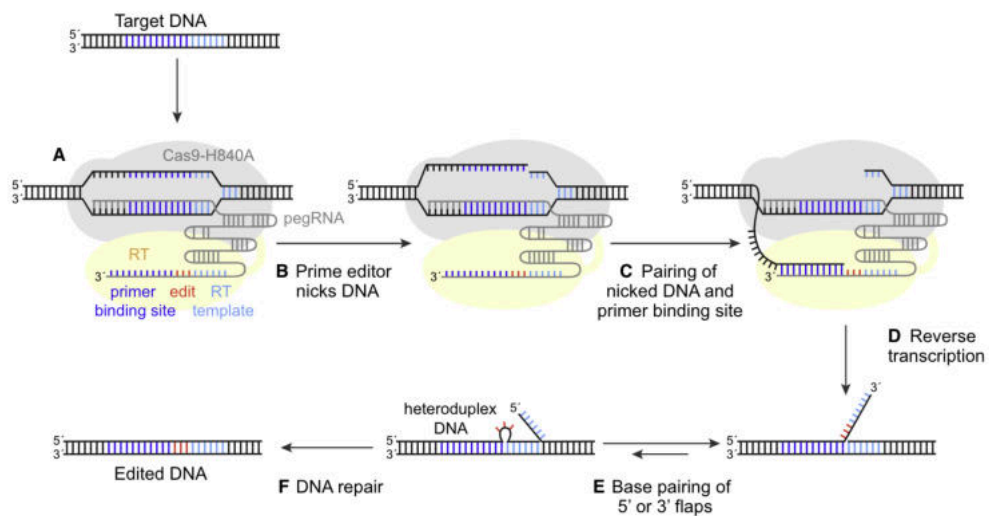


Figure 4.2 Schematic showing how CRISPR prime gene editing is considered to work.

(A) The prime editor (PE) composed of a Cas9-H840A fused to a reverse transcriptase (RT) and pegRNA bind to target DNA.

(B) The nuclease domain of the editor nicks one DNA strand.

(C) The nicked strand binds to the primer binding site on the extended 3' end of the pegRNA.

(D) The RT elongates the nicked DNA strand (incorporating the edit).

(E) The elongated strand competes for binding to the target DNA.

(F) A desired edit is installed after DNA repair of the heteroduplex DNA.

(Adapted from Jan, Cirincione and Adamson. *Mol Cell* (2021)).

and increasing the efficiency of gene editing (Anzalone, Randolph et al. 2019). A diagram describing how CRISPR-prime editing works is shown in Figure 4.2.

The pegRNA was designed as described by Anzalone *et al* (Anzalone, Randolph *et al.* 2019). Briefly, a guide sequence was designed to bring PE2 to a specific region of *PPP2R1A* 5' of the codon encoding amino acid residue R183 which was the target for editing. This guide sequence specifies the cut site, i.e. the region of *PPP2R1A* in which PE2 will produce a single strand nick, which is 4 base pairs 5' of the protospacer adjacent motif (PAM). This was added to the 5' end of the vector and placed under the transcriptional control of a U6 promoter. In order to construct the template for reverse transcription to introduce the desired mutation, I took the region of *PPP2R1A* encoding amino acid residue R183 and altered the sequence so that this codon now encoded a proline (p.R183P, CGG>CCC) or tryptophan residue (p.R183W, CGG>TGG). From this altered sequence I then took a region 12 base pairs 5' of the cut site and 10 base pairs extending from the desired edit on same strand that the PAM lies on. This entire region was then reverse complemented to give the non-PAM strand sequence and linked to the guide sequence via the scaffolding region, which is common to all pegRNAs. In this case, the native codon to be edited (CGG) also acted as the PAM site, therefore introduction of the altered sequence prevents further editing. This is followed by a DNA polymerase III terminator sequence (Pol III terminator) designed to stop reverse transcription once complete. The structure and sequence of the pegRNAs used to introduce *PPP2R1A* p.R183P and p.R183W missense mutations are summarised in Figure 4.3.

A. PegRNA General Structure

5'- U6 promoter – initiating sgRNA [do not include PAM] – pegRNA scaffold region – edited region on non-PAM strand, starting from cut site [including reverse-complemented PAM, optionally mutated] – polyIII terminator (TTTTTTTTTT...) -3'.

B. PPP2R1A p.R183P pegRNA sequence

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gagggcctattcccatgattcctcatattgcatatacgatacaaggctgtagagagataattagaattaattgactgt
aaacacaaagatattagtacaaaatacgtgacgtagaagtaataattctgggtagttgcagtttaaaattatgttt
aaaatggactatcatatgcttaccgtaactgaaagtattcgattcttggcttatatacttggaaaggacgaaaca
ccGGACACCCCATGGTG^CGGC GTTTTAGAGCTAGAAATAGCAAGTTAAAATAA
GGCTAGTCCGTTATCAACTTGAAAAAGTGGGACCGAGTCGGTCCAGGCTGCGG
CGGC^CCGC^ACCATGGGGTtttttt
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C. PPP2R1A p.R183W pegRNA sequence

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gagggcctattcccatgattcctcatattgcatatacgatacaaggctgtagagagataattagaattaattgactgt
aaacacaaagatattagtacaaaatacgtgacgtagaagtaataattctgggtagttgcagtttaaaattatgttt
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GGCTAGTCCGTTATCAACTTGAAAAAGTGGGACCGAGTCGGTCCAGGCTGCGG
CCCA^CCGC^ACCATGGGGTtttttt
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Figure 4.3 pegRNA structure and design. (A) PegRNA General structure. Expression of pegRNA is driven from an U6 promoter (Grey). Guide sequence (blue) directs PE2 enzyme to the gene of interest. Scaffolding region (magenta) connects guide sequence of edited region on the non-PAM DNA strand (red). DNA polymerase III terminator (yellow) ensures cessation of reverse transcription complete. (B) PegRNA sequence used to introduce *PPP2R1A* p.R183P mutation. Colour coded as described in (A). ^ shows cut site on sgRNA and corresponding position in reverse-complemented template sequence. Edited codon highlighted in green. (C) PegRNA sequence used to introduce *PPP2R1A* p.R183W mutation. Colour coded as described in (A). Edited codon highlighted in green. ^ shows cut site on sgRNA and corresponding position in reverse-complemented template sequence.

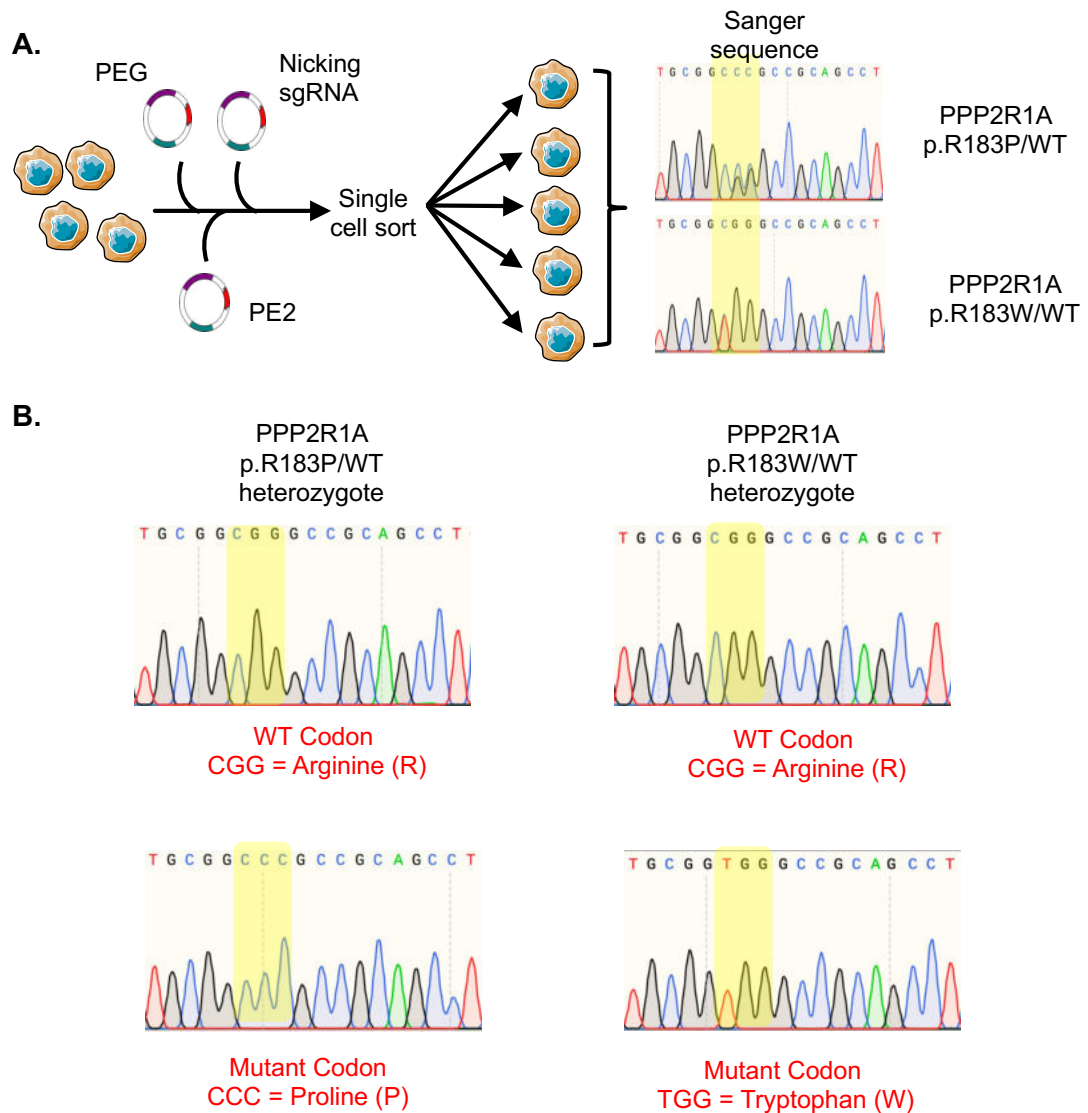


Figure 4.4 Heterozygous PPP2R1A missense mutations introduced to TOV21G cell line using CRISPR-prime gene editing. (A) Cells were transfected with plasmids encoding prime editing guide (PEG), PE2 and nicking sgRNA before being single cell sorted. The resultant clones were genotyped to confirm successful introduction of heterozygous PPP2R1A p.R183P or p.R183W missense mutations. (B) DNA sequence traces from PPP2R1A mutant clones generated in (A). Each mutation is heterozygous, present in 5/10 or 4/9 TOPO-cloned sequences for the PPP2R1A p.R183P or p.R183W models respectively.

I therefore used CRISPR-prime editing to introduce residue p.R183 missense mutations into *PPP2R1A* wild type, *ARID1A* mutant TOV21G OCC cells, generating daughter clones with either heterozygous *PPP2R1A* p.R183P or p.R183W mutations (Figure 4.4A). Topo-cloning was employed to confirm the heterozygous nature of *PPP2R1A* p.R183P and p.R183W mutations introduced (Figure 4.4B).

4.4 Introduction of heterozygous *PPP2R1A* missense mutations impacts PP2A structure and function.

Previous studies in pre-clinical models of serous endometrial cancer have demonstrated that the presence of dominant negative *PPP2R1A* missense mutations, affecting residues 183 and others, disrupts PP2A complex stoichiometry (Taylor, O'Connor et al. 2019). Commensurate with this data, I found that the total levels of other PP2A subunits was significantly decreased (Dunnett's test, $p < 0.001$) in both the TOV21G *PPP2R1A* p.R183P and p.R183W models when compared to the *PPP2R1A* WT cells (Figure 4.5).

Given these findings and the previous observation that *PPP2R1A* mutations lead to reduced incorporation of both regulatory and catalytic subunits in the PP2A complex (Taylor, O'Connor et al. 2019), I hypothesised that the introduction of *PPP2R1A* p.R183 mutations in TOV21G cells would lead to a reduction in PP2A-phosphatase activity. To assess this, I carried out mass spectrometry based phospho-proteomic profiling in *PPP2R1A* p.R183P and wild type isogenic cells and found PP2A-specific phospho-sites on substrates including HDAC5 (Greco,

Yu, Guise, & Cristea, 2011), IL6ST (Mitsuhashi et al., 2005) and SPRY1 (Lao et al., 2007) were significantly enriched (log2 fold change > 0, unpaired t-test, $p < 0.05$) in p.R183P mutant cells (Figure 4.6) consistent with a PP2A defect in these cells.

4.5 PPP2R1A mutation in TOV21G cells causes ATR inhibitor sensitivity and cell cycle defects

When I assessed ATRi sensitivity in PPP2R1A mutant cells, I found that TOV21G clones with a heterozygous p.R183P or p.R183W mutation were more sensitive to the ATRi AZD6738 than PPP2R1A wild type TOV21G cells (two-way ANOVA, $p < 0.001$) (Figure 4.7). PP2A has been described as a master cell cycle regulator with over 300 of its substrates being implicated in the regulation of cell cycle progression (Krasinska, Domingo-Sananes et al. 2011, Wlodarchak and Xing 2016, Kamenz, Gelens et al. 2021). Additionally, ATRi sensitivity in tumour cells is often associated with a decrease in the replicating S phase fraction of cells and premature mitotic entry (Saldivar, Hamperl et al. 2018). Using Edu labelling to label cells in replicating S phase and phosphorylation of histone H3 (pH3) as a marker of cells in mitosis, these two phenotypes were assessed in the newly generated TOV21G *PPP2R1A* isogenic models.

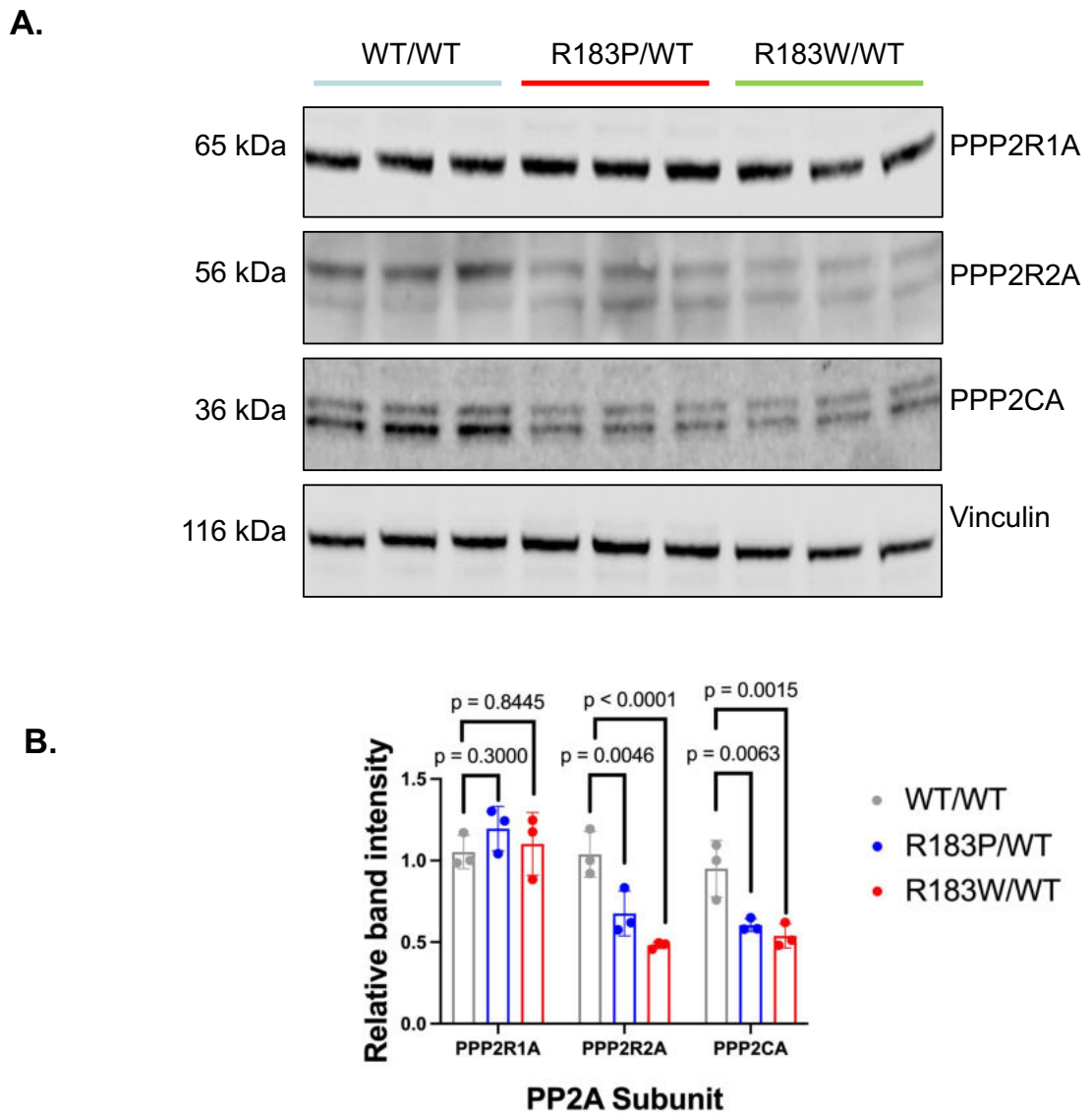


Figure 4.5 . Introduction of heterozygous PPP2R1A missense mutations leads to a reduction in total levels of PPP2R2A and PPP2CA in TOV21G cells. (A) Western blot illustrating that PPP2R1A p.R183P mutation causes reduced levels of PPP2R2A and PPP2CA (B) Quantification of band Western Blot band intensity from (A). Band intensity expressed relative to median intensity of the WT/WT samples for the indicated protein. Error bars represent mean and standard deviation from the 3 Western blot bands quantified. Statistical significance determined via Dunnett's test.

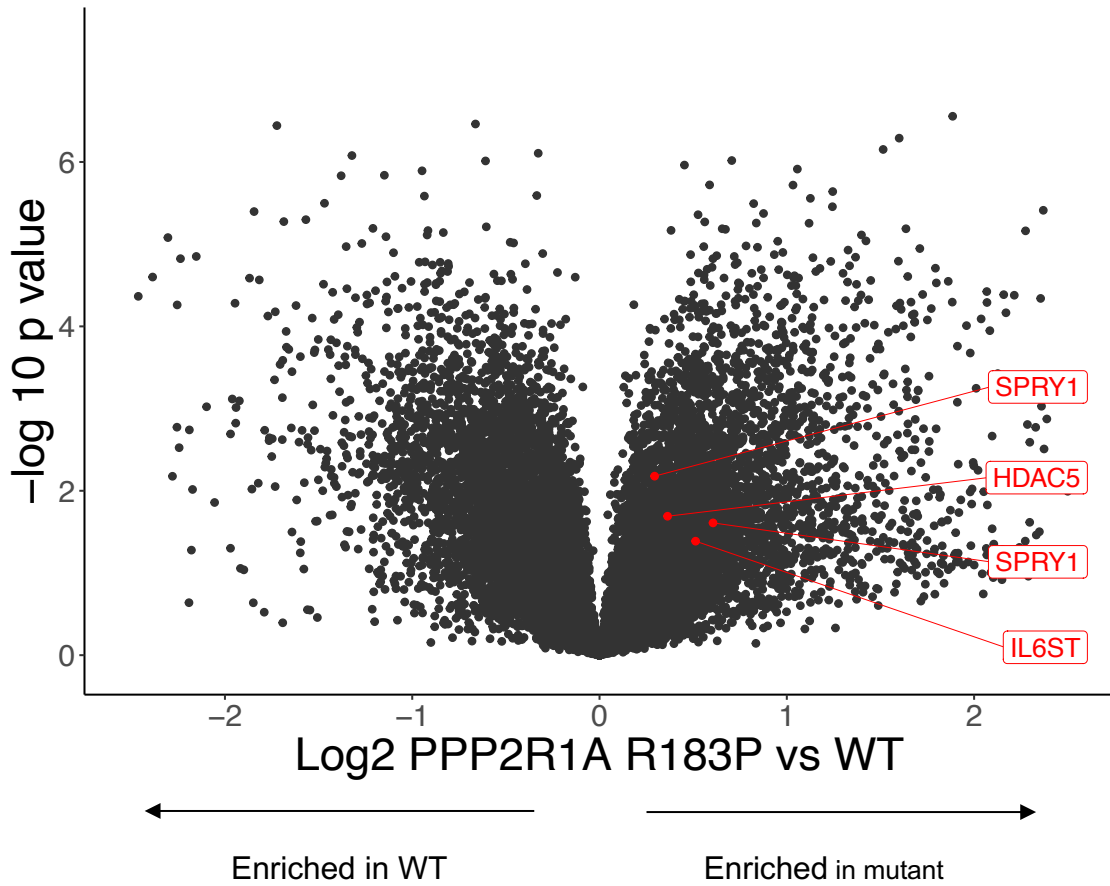


Figure 4.6 Known PP2A substrates are enriched in PPP2R1A mutant cells. Volcano plot illustrating results from phosphoproteomic profiling of PPP2R1A mutant cells, indicating a significant enrichment (Log₂ fold change > 0, unpaired t-test < 0.05) of known PP2A phosphorylation sites (highlighted)

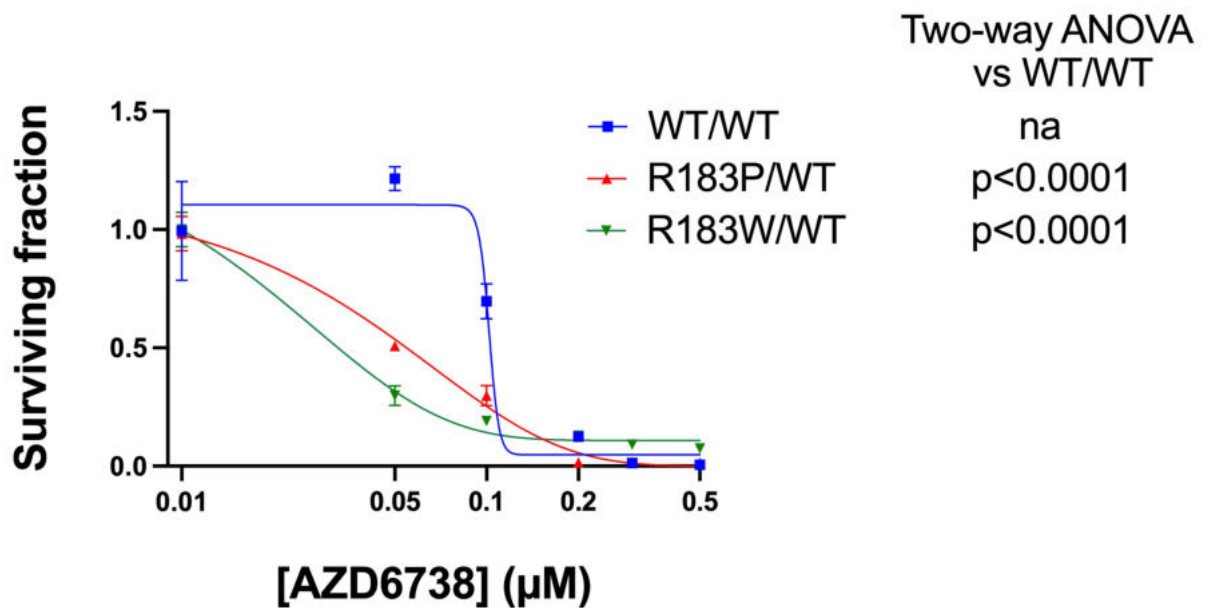


Figure 4.7 Introduction of PPP2R1A p.R183 mutation results in enhanced ATRi sensitivity in vitro. Dose response curve for cells from (D, E) exposed to AZD6738 for two weeks. Error bars represent SEM from 4 replicates. Significance determined using two-way ANOVA.

Using this approach, no significant difference in the total S phase, replicating or non-replicating S-phase population was observed between TOV21G *PPP2R1A* WT and p.R183P mutant cells at baseline (Figure 4.8 A-D). Upon exposure to ATRi the most striking observation was a significant increase in the total S phase population in cells with a *PPP2R1A* p.R183P missense mutation compared to WT. On closer examination, the increase in the S phase population encompassed a significant expansion of the non-replicating S phase population at the expense of the replicating S phase population (Figure 4.8 A, C, D).

In addition, *PPP2R1A* p.R183P mutation caused a modest increase in pH3-positive cells, an effect that was exacerbated by ATRi exposure (Figure 4.9 A, B), and an increase in the proportion of pH3-positive cells with a genetic content of <4N (Figure 4.9 A, C), consistent with premature mitotic entry.

Chromosomal lesions, such as those that are generated prior to mitosis but transmitted to daughter cells, are often sequestered in nuclear compartments marked by p53-binding protein 1 (53BP1) (Lukas et al., 2011), referred to as 53BP1 bodies. I found that the combination of *PPP2R1A* p.R183 mutation and ATRi exposure caused a significant increase in the proportion of cells with more than one 53BP1 body but did not in similarly treated *PPP2R1A* wild type cells (Figure 4.10A, B). In keeping with previous literature, 53BP1 bodies were observed in cells which stained negative for Cyclin A (Figure 4.10A) consistent

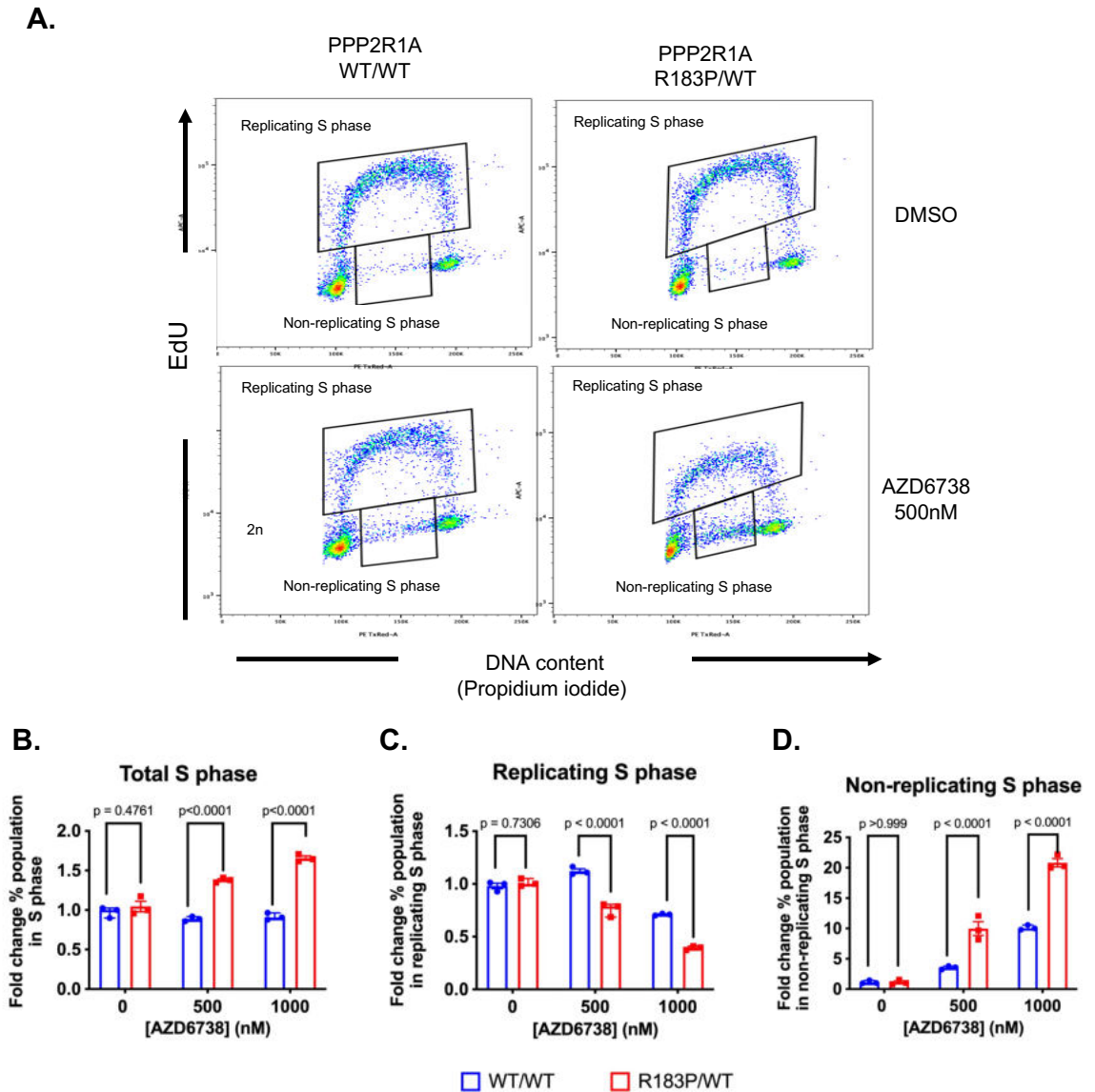


Figure 4.8 PPP2R1A R183P mutation and ATRi exposure causes an increase in the in non-replicating S phase fraction at the expense of the replicating S phase fraction. (A) FACS plots illustrating that PPP2R1A R183P mutation and ATRi exposure causes an increase in the in non-replicating S phase fraction at the expense of the replicating S phase fraction. (B-D) Quantification of changes in fraction of cells in total S phase (B) replicating S phase (C) or non-replicating S phase (D) from the experiment described in (A). Error bars represent mean and SD from three replicate experiments. Pairwise significance determined by two-way ANOVA with Šídák correction for multiple comparisons.

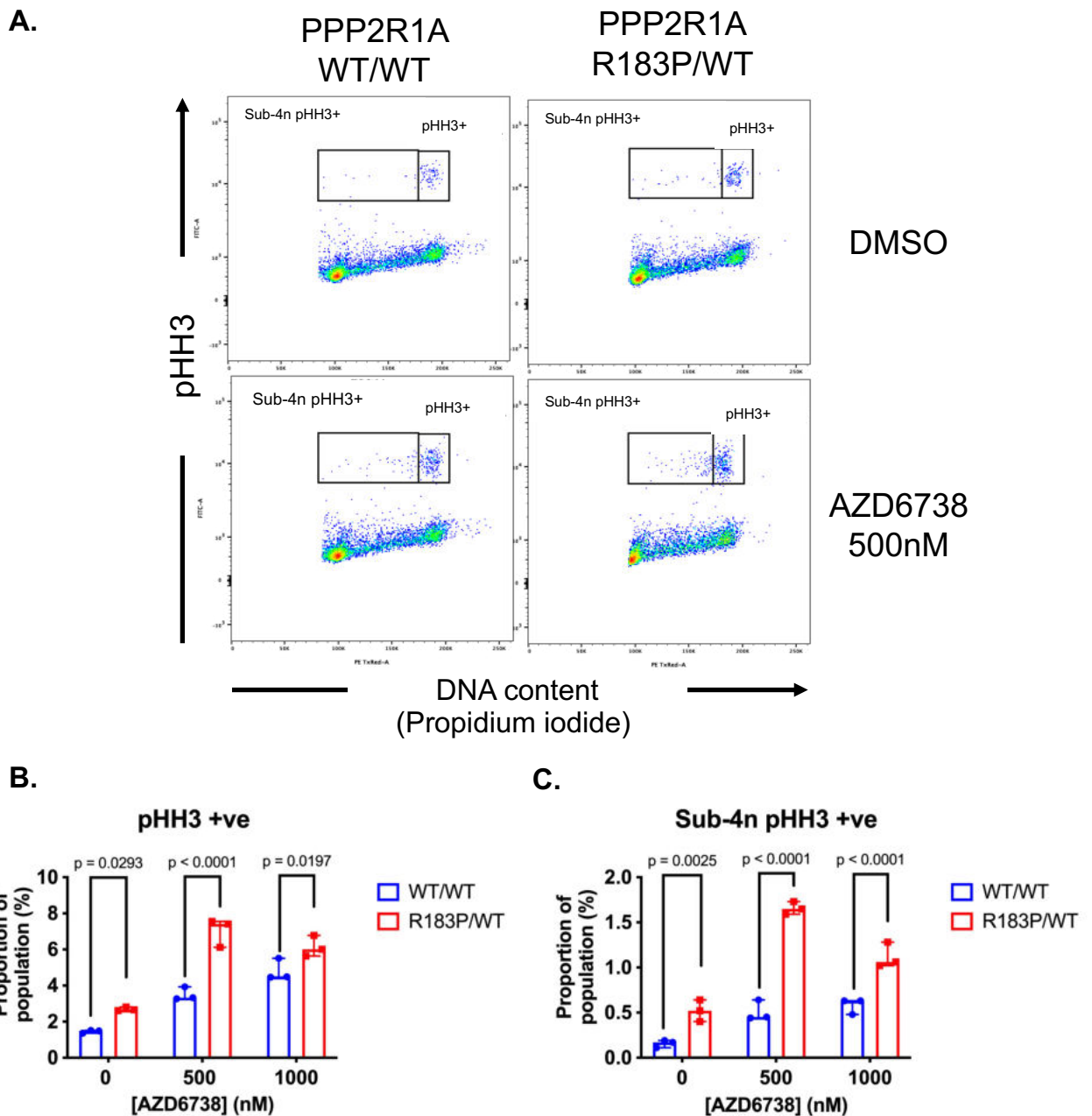


Figure 4.9 PPP2R1A cells entire mitosis with sub-4n genomic content in response to ATRi. (A) FACS plots illustrating that PPP2R1A R183P mutation and ATRi exposure causes an increase in the in non-replicating S phase fraction at the expense of the replicating S phase fraction. (B-D) Quantification of changes in fraction of cells in total S phase (B) replicating S phase (C) or non-replicating S phase (D) from the experiment described in (A). Error bars represent mean and SD from three replicate experiments. Pairwise significance determined by two-way ANOVA with Šidák correction for multiple comparisons.

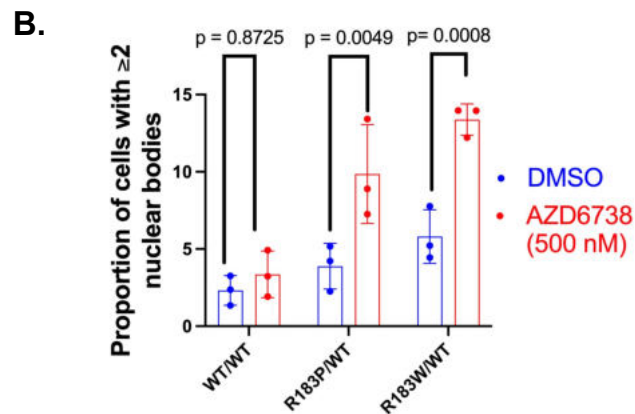
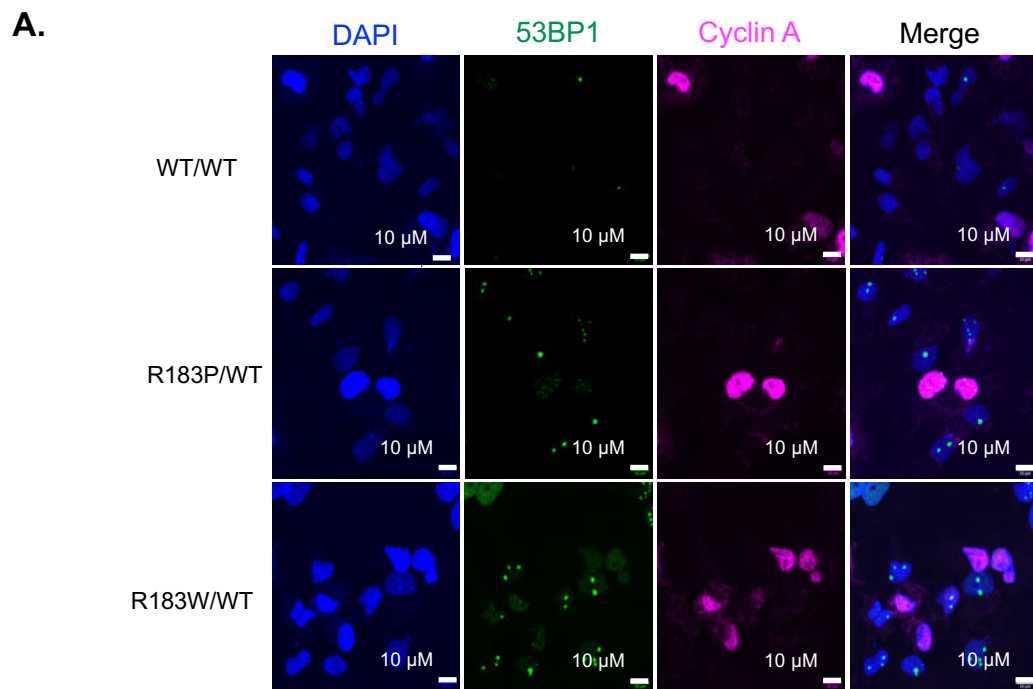


Figure 4.10 53BP1 bodies accumulate in PPP2R1A mutant cells in response to ATRi. (A) TOV21G PPP2R1A p.R183P isogenic cells were exposed to either DMSO or AZD6738 (500 nM) for 24 hours before being fixed and immunostained for 53BP1, cyclin A and with DAPI. Confocal microscopy images are shown. (B) Quantification of 53BP1 bodies from experiment described in (A). Error bars represent the mean and standard deviation from three replicate experiments. Pairwise significance determined via Two-way ANOVA with Šídák's multiple comparison test.

with their accumulation in the G1 phase of the cell cycle (Lukas, Savic et al. 2011, Moreno, Carrington et al. 2016).

Given the observed S phase defects and premature mitotic entry in *PPP2R1A* mutant cells, I proceeded to perform time-lapse microscopy in order to examine mitotic kinetics. TOV21G *PPP2R1A* isogenic cells were labelled with fluorescent probes for DNA, tubulin and actin before being imaged via confocal microscopy at 5 minute intervals for 24 hours in the presence or absence of ATRi. Exposure to ATRi significantly increased the metaphase duration in *PPP2R1A* mutant cells (Figure 4.11 and 4.12). Indeed, in a proportion of *PPP2R1A* mutant cells, ATRi exposure led to cells failing to progress beyond metaphase and ultimately undergoing apoptosis (Figure 4.13). Commensurate with ATRi having a more deleterious effect in *PPP2R1A* p.R183P and p.R183W mutant cells than in wild type cells, I also found that ATRi exposure in *PPP2R1A* mutant cells caused a 12- (p.R183P) or 10-fold (p.R183W) increase in micronuclei, a common form of genomic instability caused by ATRi (Dillon, Barker et al. 2017) (Figure 4.14).

4.6 Discussion

In this chapter, I characterised a cohort of *ARID1A* WT and mutant OCCC cases with respect to their *PPP2R1A* p.R183 mutational status, observing a higher incidence of p.R183 missense mutations than previously reported. Using CRISPR prime gene editing, I successfully introduced heterozygous *PPP2R1A* p.R183P and p.R183W missense mutations in to the *ARID1A*-deficient cell line

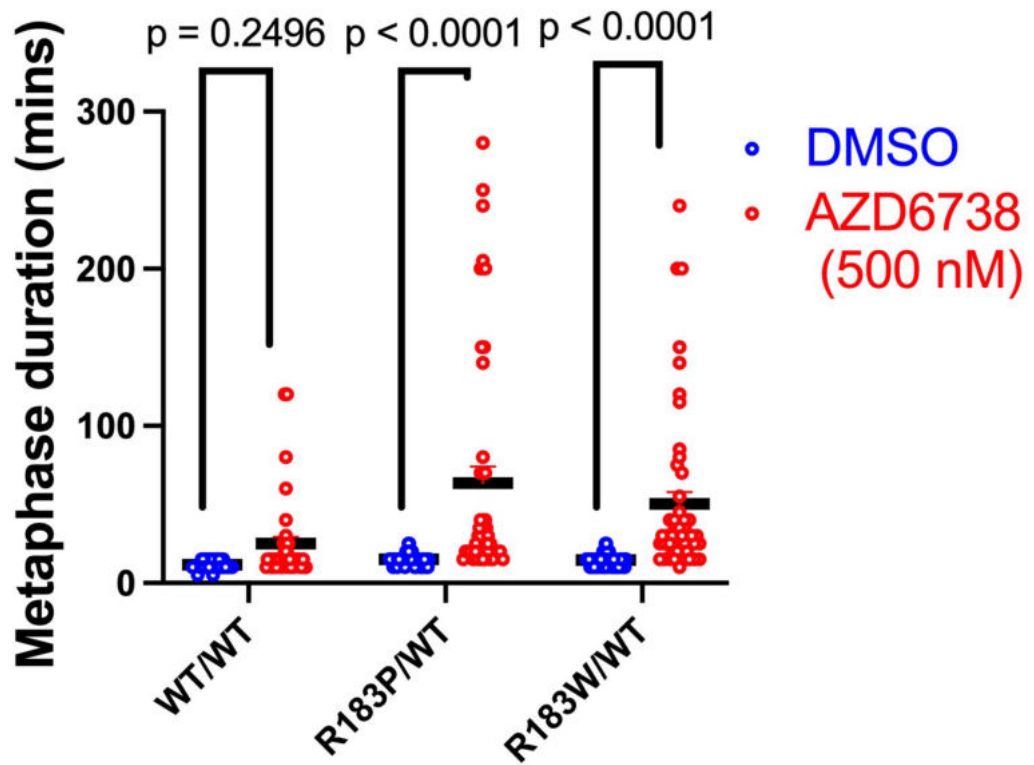


Figure 4.11 Exposure to ATRi increases the duration of metaphase in PPP2R1A p.R183 mutant cells. Quantification of metaphase duration from timelapse microscopy. TOV21G *PPP2R1A* WT, p.R183P and p.R183W labeled with fluorescent probes for DNA, tubulin and actin before being imaged via confocal microscopy every 5 minutes for 24 hours in the presence of AZD6738 500 nM or DMSO. Duration of metaphase measured for 50 cells per condition. Significance determined via Dunnett's test.

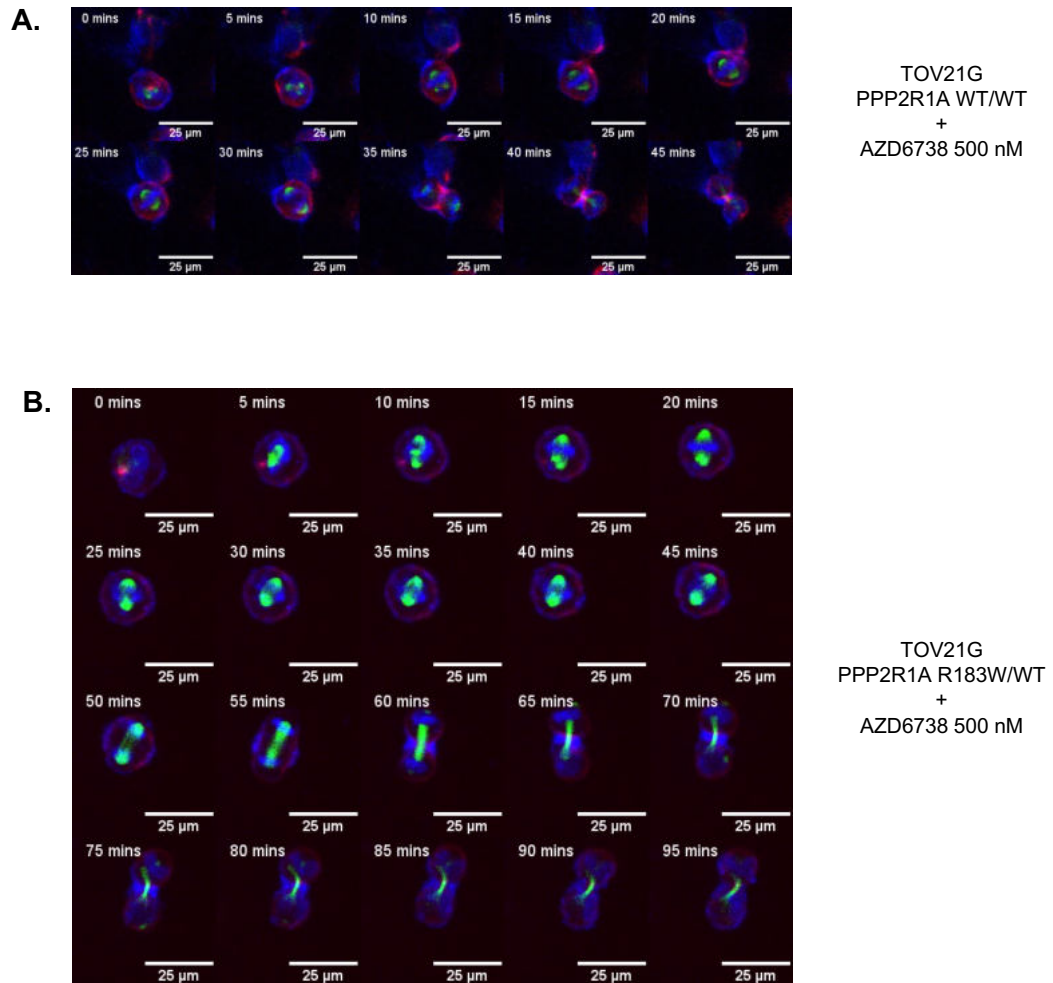
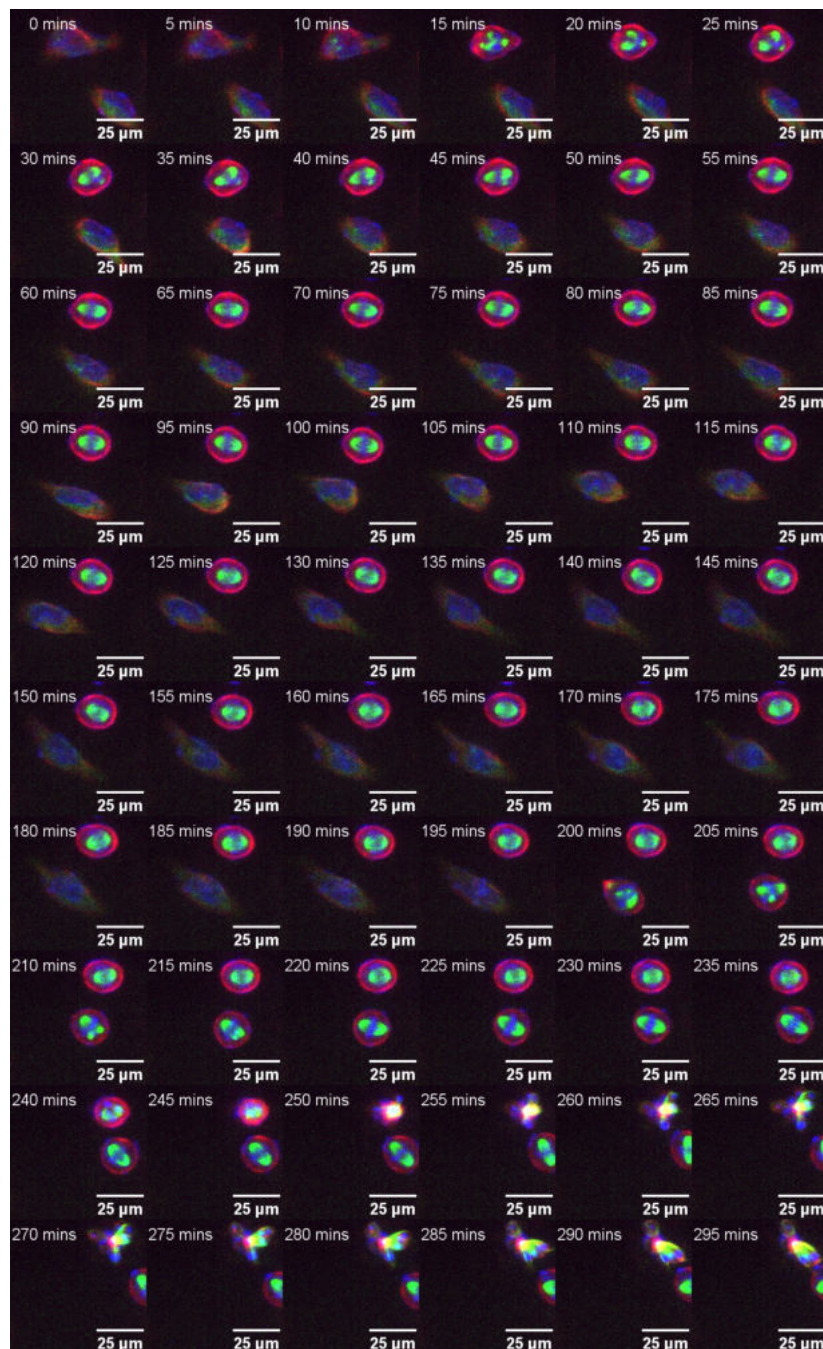


Figure 4.12 Exposure to ATRi increases the duration of metaphase in PPP2R1A p.R183 mutant cells. Representative images from time lapse confocal microscopy showing TOV21G PPP2R1A WT (A) or TOV21G *PPP2R1A* p.R183W (B) cells labeled for tubulin, actin and DNA in the presence on AZD 6738 500 nM. Each frame represents a 5 minute time period. Time point 0 mins represents the start of metaphase



TOV21G
 PPP2R1A R183W/WT
 +
 AZD6738 500 nM

Figure 4.13 A proportion of PPP2R1A mutant cells fail to progress through to anaphase in response to ATRi. Representative images from time lapse confocal microscopy showing TOV21G PPP2R1A p.R183W cells labeled for tubulin, actin and DNA in the presence on AZD 6738 500 nM. Each frame represents a 5 minute time period. Cell remains in metaphase for 250 minutes before undergoing apoptosis. . Time point 0 mins represents the start of metaphase

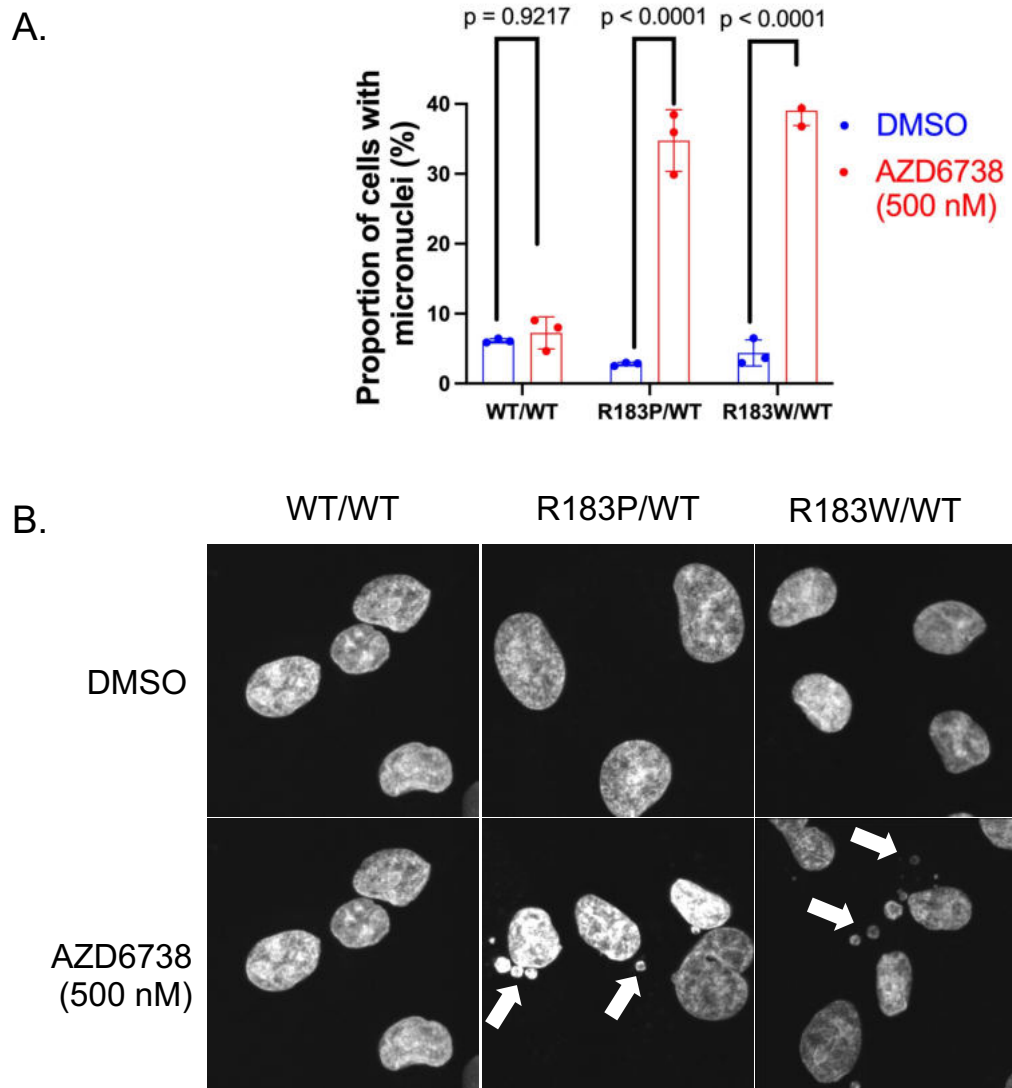


Figure 4.14 Exposure to ATRi leads to a significant increase in the proportion of cells with micronuclei in cells with a PPP2R1A mutation. (A) TOV21G PPP2R1A isogenic cells were exposed to either DMSO or AZD6738 (500 nM) for 24 hours before being fixed and stained with DAPI. Error bars represent SEM from three triplicate experiments. (B) Representative images for TOV21G PPP2R1A WT, p.R183P and p.R183W cells following exposure to AZD6738 (500 nM) or DMSO from experiment described in (A). Micronuclei indicated with arrows.

TOV21G. PPP2R1A p.R183 mutation in this cell line led to reduced total levels of PPP2R2A and PPP2CA and led to an enrichment of phospho-sites previously reported to PP2A phosphatase targets, in keeping with *PPP2R1A* missense reducing PP2A phosphatase activity. Furthermore, I demonstrated that the introduction of *PPP2R1A* p.R183 mutations led to increased sensitivity to ATRi *in vitro*. Taken together, observations presented in this chapter suggest that in *PPP2R1A* mutant OCCC cells, ATRi elicits S phase stress, premature mitotic entry, and genomic instability.

In a new cohort of OCCC cases, I observed a *PPP2R1A* p.R183 mutation frequency of 52 %. In contrast, three relatively small case series consisting of 15, 40 and 42 OCCC patients, *PPP2R1A* missense mutations were observed at frequencies of 20% (Kim, Lee et al. 2018), 9% (Shih le, Panuganti et al. 2011) and 7% (Jones, Wang et al. 2010) respectively. Whilst comparisons between small case series can be challenging, in part due to variations in the reporting of patient characteristics, the reasons for the observed differences are not entirely clear. These differences may simply reflect the expected variability when low numbers of patients are included in such studies. In similarity to the patients included in the analysis described in this chapter, mostly primary OCCC cases with no prior therapy were included in the series presented by *Kim et al* (Kim, Lee et al. 2018) and *Jones et al* (Jones, Wang et al. 2010). It should also be noted that the series presented between by *Kim at al* (Kim, Lee et al. 2018) and *Shih et al* (Shih le, Panuganti et al. 2011) contained a high proportion of Asian patients, whereas all of the patients included in the series included in this chapter were of

Caucasian ethnicity. Therefore, variability in the *PPP2R1A* mutation frequency due to the genetic background of the patient cohort cannot be excluded. Similarly, 52 % (12/23) of patients included in the case series described in this chapter had a confirmed diagnosis of endometriosis. Only *Kim et al* report the incidence of endometriosis (33 % [5/15]) amongst the patient cohort included in their analysis (Kim, Lee et al. 2018). Therefore, differences in the rates of OCCC arising from endometriosis also cannot be excluded as an explanation for the differences in observed *PPP2R1A* mutation frequency.

PPP2R1A mutations have previously been implicated in the disruption of the PP2A complex and in promoting the development of serious endometrial cancer (Taylor, O'Connor et al. 2019). Furthermore, a synthetic lethal interaction between *PPP2R1A* and ribonucleotide reductase inhibitors (RNRi) has been reported in preclinical models of serous endometrial cancer (O'Connor, Taylor et al. 2022). In both instances, modelling of these mutations has involved the expression of either mutant (Taylor, O'Connor et al. 2019) or wild-type *PPP2R1A* (O'Connor, Taylor et al. 2022) from a lentiviral vector. This approach places *PPP2R1A* expression under the control of the cytomegalovirus (CMV) promoter and therefore endogenous levels of expression cannot be guaranteed (Yang, Boehm et al. 2011). To the best of my knowledge, the use of CRISPR prime gene editing is the first instance in which a truly isogenic *PPP2R1A* model system has been generated, with expression of the WT or mutant gene being driven by the endogenous promoter. Although off-targeting gene editing is reported to be much lower with PE2 than with Cas9 nuclease (Anzalone, Randolph et al. 2019), it

should be noted that no formal assessment for this event was undertaken or was practicable, as it could occur throughout the entire genome. A functional rescue experiment, in which the mutant allele (i.e. the allele containing the CRISPR prime gene edited sequence) is inactivated, would increase confidence that the observed phenotype, in the case ATRi sensitivity, is caused by *PPP2R1A* p.R183 mutation.

In keeping with previous literature, the introduction of heterozygous *PPP2R1A* p.R183 mutations resulted in reduced total levels of the regulatory, *PPP2R2A*, and catalytic, *PPP2CA*, subunits (Taylor, O'Connor et al. 2019). One caveat to the observations presented in this chapter is that I was unable to demonstrate reduced incorporation of both *PPP2R2A* and *PPP2CA* in to the PP2A holoenzyme complex, in part due to an inability to immunoprecipitate endogenous WT or mutant *PPP2R1A* for Western blot analysis. This, in part, may reflect lower total levels of *PPP2R1A* when expression is driven from the endogenous promoter rather than the CMV promoter described above. Additionally, the lentiviral vector utilised by Taylor et al, allowed for the tagging of *PPP2R1A* with an exogenous epitope (in this case V5) which would facilitate immunoprecipitation (Taylor, O'Connor et al. 2019). In preclinical models of *PPP2R1A* mutant neurodevelopmental disorders, p.R183W mutant *PPP2R1A* reduced PP2A phosphatase activity as determined by phosphate released following the supplementation of immunoprecipitated PP2A with exogenous phospho-peptides (Lenaerts, Reynhout et al. 2021). In keeping with this data, I

observed an enrichment of known PP2A phospho-sites in keeping with *PPP2R1A* mutations having a deleterious impact on PP2A phosphatase activity.

PPP2R1A p.R183P/W mutation in the ARID1A mutant TOV21G cell line leads to an enhanced response to AZD6738. Phenotypically, the most striking feature of the ATRi response in *PPP2R1A* mutant cells is a reduction in the replicating S phase population. ATRi cause a modest reduction in the replicating S phase population in *PPP2R1A* mutant cells but the combination of *PPP2R1A* missense mutation and ATRi results in a supra-additive decrease in the replicating S phase population, suggesting that the effect is, at least in part, due to an effect on this phase of the cell cycle.

In order to understand how ATRi can affect the replicating S phase population it is important to establish the role that ATR plays in DNA replication during unperturbed cell division. Initiation of DNA replication at origins is a two-step process, beginning with licensing in late M phase and early G1 phase, followed by firing during S phase (Fragkos, Ganier et al. 2015). Origin licensing entails the loading of the pre-replicative complex, which includes the origin recognition complex (ORC) and the core replicative helicase minichromosome maintenance 2-7 complex (MCM2-7) on to chromatin. Activation of MCM2-7 helicase activity during origin firing in S phase requires loading of the pre-initiation complex (pre-IC), comprised of cell division cycle 45 (CDC45), the GINS complex (SLD5–PSF1–PSF2–PSF3), topoisomerase II binding protein 1 (TOPBP1), Treslin (a DNA polymerase), and other replication factors (Heffernan, Unsal-Kacmaz et al.

2007, Yekezare, Gomez-Gonzalez et al. 2013, Deegan, Yeeles et al. 2016). Origin firing is a tightly regulated process, both temporally and spatially, ensuring an adequate supply of the replicative machinery components and nucleotides to ensure faithful DNA replication (Saldivar, Cortez et al. 2017).

ATR-CHK1 signalling leads to the inhibition of CDC25A and the subsequent inactivation of its downstream substrate CDK1, culminating in cell cycle arrest (Liu, Guntuku et al. 2000, Mailand, Falck et al. 2000). During unperturbed DNA replication, low-level ATR-CHK1 signalling has been shown to restrict origin firing the dominant origin in a replisome via suppressing firing at dormant, i.e. non-dominant, origins (Syljuasen, Sorensen et al. 2005, Petermann, Woodcock et al. 2010, Moiseeva, Hood et al. 2017, Moiseeva, Yin et al. 2019). Moiseeva *et al* demonstrated that ATR inhibition resulted in a decrease in the inter-origin distance, as assessed by DNA fibre assays, suggesting firing of an increased number of origins across the replisome. Firing at these non-dominant origins was characterised by the CDC7-dependent hyperphosphorylation of MCM4 (Moiseeva, Hood et al. 2017). In a subsequent report, the same author demonstrated that both ATRi and CHK1i result in phosphorylation of RIF1 on residue S2205, which disrupts the interaction between RIF1 and protein phosphatase 1 (PP1). PP1 is proposed to antagonize the activity of CDC7 at non-dominant origins, thus RIF1 phosphorylation in response to ATRi results in the uncoordinated firing at dormant origins (Moiseeva, Yin et al. 2019).

If ATR inhibition results in widespread firing of origins of replication, one could surmise that this would lead to an increase in the active S phase population rather than the decrease outlined in this chapter. However, it should be noted that there is only a finite amount of cellular replicative machinery components and nucleotides to fulfil DNA replication. Indeed, unscheduled firing of dormant origins has been shown to create an excess of ssDNA, a common intermediate formed at stalled replication forks, which in turn becomes coated in RPA (Toledo, Altmeyer et al. 2013, Bhat and Cortez 2018). This process culminated in the exhaustion of the nuclear RPA pool and *RPA* gene silencing exacerbated the associated replication stress (Toledo, Altmeyer et al. 2013). Yin *et al* used computational analysis of single-molecule localization microscopy to quantify the composition of individual replisomes in single cells during unperturbed replication and under replicative stress (Yin, Lee et al. 2021). During unperturbed DNA replication ATR activity limits RPA accumulation at replication forks. This function of ATR was not reversed by CDC7 inhibition suggesting that it is independent of the ATR activity in limiting origin firing (Moiseeva, Yin et al. 2019, Yin, Lee et al. 2021). Furthermore, the ability of ATR to restrain RPA accumulation at replication forks functioned independently of canonical ATR-CHK1 signalling (Toledo, Altmeyer et al. 2013) but did require an ATR-ATRIP interaction (Yin, Lee et al. 2021). ATR inhibition therefore results in the accumulation of RPA at replication forks, further exhausting the nuclear RPA pool

The supply of nucleotides to facilitate DNA replication relies on two pathways, de novo synthesis and salvage, of which deoxycytidine kinase (dCK) and

ribonucleotide reductase (RNR) are the rate limiting enzymes for each pathway respectively (Amsailale, Van Den Neste et al. 2012). In pre-clinical models of Ewing sarcoma and leukaemia, ATR inhibition has been shown to reduce the cellular pool of nucleotides through the reduced activity of both dCK and RNR, resulting in an accumulation of DNA damage and ultimately cell death (Le, Poddar et al. 2017, Koppenhafer, Goss et al. 2020).

Beyond its role in limiting firing to a dominant origin and ensuring adequate resources to perform DNA replication, ATR also interacts with an array of replisome components and DNA repair factors that protect the replication fork from collapse and control replisome function (Saldivar, Cortez et al. 2017). Stabilization of a replication fork refers to the ability of stalled DNA synthesis following the removal of the insult, with the term “collapsed fork” referring to a fork which is unable to recommence DNA replication. Inhibition of nuclease dependent fork collapse is one mechanism through which ATR may improve fork stability. For instance, ATR phosphorylates the putative fork reversal enzyme SWI/SNF-related matrix-associated actin-dependent regulator of chromatin subfamily A-like protein 1 (SMARCA1), reducing its ability to reverse forks and limiting aberrant fork processing via structure-specific endonuclease subunit (SLX4) (Couch, Bansbach et al. 2013, Ragland, Patel et al. 2013). Additionally, Fanconi anemia group D2 protein (FANCD2) has been shown to associate with the MCM complex in an ATR-dependent manner (Lossaint, Larroque et al. 2013). FANCD2 delays the progression of the replisome under conditions of replication stress, such as a depleted nucleotide pool, thereby limiting the accumulation of

ssDNA and limiting MRE11 dependent degradation of stalled forks (Ying, Hamdy et al. 2012, Lossaint, Larroque et al. 2013)

Thus, the uncoordinated firing of origins of replication, with the ensuing depletion of RPA and nucleotides, together with reduced replication fork stability are important mechanisms through which ATR inhibition can result in a reduced replicating S phase population. This phenotype is exacerbated in the TOV21G *PPP2R1A* p.R183P and p.R183W cell line models as compared to their WT counterparts. *Xenopus* egg extracts function as a model cell free system to study protein-protein interactions and was employed by Wang *et al* to determine the interactome of the PP2A regulatory subunits PPP2R2A (B55 α) and PPP2R2B (B55 β) (Wang, Zhu et al. 2018). In this study, PPP2R2A/PPP2R2B was demonstrated to co-immunoprecipitate with multiple proteins involved in DNA replication including RPA1, RPA2 Cdc6, Cdc45, DNA primase, and the minichromosome maintenance (Mcm) complex (Wang, Zhu et al. 2018). N terminal phosphorylation of RPA2 (an RPA subunit) on residues S4 and S8 facilitates the stabilization, repair, and recovery of stalled replication forks in response to replication stress (Ashley, Shrivastav et al. 2014). Consistent with PP2A-mediated dephosphorylation of these RPA2 residues, overexpression of PPP2R2A resulted in reduced RPA2 S4 and S8 phosphorylation (Wang, Zhu et al. 2018). Given that *PPP2R1A* p.R183 missense mutations have been shown to result in reduced incorporation of both PPP2R2A and PPP2R2B into the PP2A complex (Taylor, O'Connor et al. 2019), one could hypothesize that they would also disrupt the interaction between PP2A and these DNA replication-associated

proteins, including RPA2. The ensuing increased RPA2 S4/S8 phosphorylation would be expected to promote replication checkpoint arrest and a subsequent reduction in the replicating S population.

In somewhat of a contradiction to the data presented in this chapter and to the mechanistic hypothesis outlined above, Perl *et al* report that the presence of *PPP2R1A* missense mutations results in delayed S phase progression, and that increased PP2A activity results in replication stress through disruption of the replisome (Perl, O'Connor et al. 2019). Small molecule activators of PP2A (SMAPs) induce PP2A-dependent dephosphorylation of PP2A substrates and have been proposed as a potential therapy for cancers harbouring PP2A defects, such as castrate resistant prostate cancer (McClinch, Avelar et al. 2018) and MYC driven cancers, including Burkitt's lymphoma and *KRAS* mutant colorectal cancer (Farrington, Yuan et al. 2020). Perl *et al* showed that treatment with the putative SMAP DT-061 resulted in reduced incorporation of bromodeoxyuridine (BrdU) during S phase, which was associated with replication stress as assessed by DNA fibre assay (Perl, O'Connor et al. 2019). Mechanistically, this phenotype was attributed to a SMAP-induced reduction in chromatin bound CDC45, a key component of the replisome which links the helicase to the MCM complex (Broderick and Nasheuer 2009, Perl, O'Connor et al. 2019). It is, perhaps, an oversimplification to suggest that *PPP2R1A* missense mutations will result in a complete opposite phenotype to the one observed with SMAP-induced PP2A activation. Future work would focus on addressing these contradictory reports. DNA fibre assays performed in the *PPP2R1A* isogenic models in the presence

and absence of ATRi would allow for the assessment of replication fork dynamics. Western blot of immunoprecipitation (IP-Western) could provide a means of assessing the impact of *PPP2R1A* and ATRi on the replisome composition, including chromatin bound CDC45.

Finally, in addition to reducing incorporation of EdU during S phase, ATRi have been shown to cause the premature phosphorylation, and activation, of FOXM1, thereby promoting the S/G₂ transition (Saldivar, Hamperl et al. 2018). Indeed, PP2A is known to dephosphorylate both FOXM1 (Alvarez-Fernandez, Halim et al. 2011) thereby restraining the S/G₂ transition. Thus, in the context of PP2A dysfunction increased FOXM1 activity may contribute to the observed S phase defect. Unresolved DNA damage, arising in S phase that persists as the cells enter mitosis has the potential to impair the fitness of cells and elicit the observed accumulation of 53BP1 bodies. This process may well be exacerbated by the forced mitotic entry associated with ATR inhibition (Schoonen, Kok et al. 2019).

Chapter 5. PPP2R1A/ATRi synthetic lethality is a WNK1 dependent process

5.1 Introduction

So far, I have described the generation *PPP2R1A* isogenic models of ARID1A-deficient OCCC, along with the phenotypic features associated with the ATRi response in these cells. Several mechanisms through which PP2A defects could impact the response to ATRi have been described in the literature, namely elevated Myc expression (Qiu, Fa et al. 2020) and reduced WEE1 levels (Li, Kozono et al. 2020). First, I sought to determine whether either of these potential mechanisms could provide an explanation for the ATRi-sensitive phenotype observed in the TOV21G *PPP2R1A* p.R183 mutant models. In this Chapter, I show that neither of these potential mechanisms provide a suitable explanation for the effects seen in OCCC. I then used several agnostic approaches to identify the molecular determinants of ATRi sensitivity; a short interfering RNA (siRNA) screen and mass-spectrometry based phospho-proteomic profiling.

The use of siRNA screens has provided a means for the identification of genes involved in a multitude of biological processes. They have been used in research which led to the discovery of the synthetic lethal interaction between *ARID1A* and *ATR* (Williamson, Miller et al. 2016), the identification of dasatinib as a potential therapy in ARID1A-deficient OCCC (Miller, Brough et al. 2016) and more recently the elucidation of genetic determinants of the response to DNA polymerase theta inhibitors (Polθi) (Zatreanu, Robinson et al. 2021).

The phenotype of any cancer is not solely determined by the presence or absence of certain gene mutations. The array of proteins expressed, or proteome, along with their post-translational modifications, have emerged as important determinants of the malignant phenotype. Phosphorylation of serine, threonine and tyrosine residues within peptide motifs represent one of the most commonly observed post-translational modifications (Narushima, Kozuka-Hata et al. 2016). Changes in the phospho-proteomic profile in cancer have been used to identify signalling pathways implicated in the development of cancer (Harsha and Pandey 2010) and in the molecular events underpinning drug resistance (Boulos, Yousof Idres et al. 2020). Given the prominent role that PP2A plays in the overall phosphatase activity carried out in eukaryotic cells, I surmised that distinct changes in the phospho-proteome could be detected following ATRi exposure in the TOV21 *PPP2R1A* isogenic cells.

Using this parallel approach, With No Lysine Kinase 1 (WNK1) was identified as a potential mediator of the ATRi response in *PPP2R1A* mutant cells. WNK1 depletion rescued drug sensitivity and restored the replicating S phase population in response to ATR inhibition.

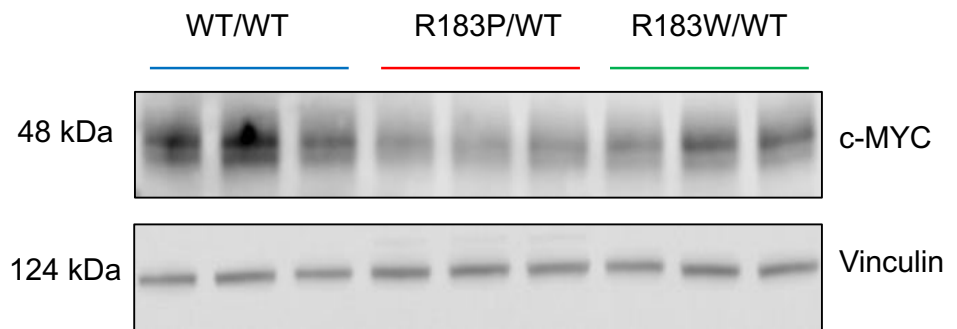
5.2 PP2R1A/ATR inhibitor synthetic lethality in OCC cells is not explained by changes in total WEE1 or Myc levels

Substrates of the PP2A holoenzyme have previously been implicated in modulating proteins such as Myc which control the extent of replication fork stress, a potential driver of ATRi sensitivity (Cottini et al., 2015; Dominguez-Sola et al., 2007; Hustedt et al., 2019; Sanjiv et al., 2016; Srinivasan, Dominguez-Sola, Wang, Hyrien, & Gautier, 2013). For example, PP2A is thought to dephosphorylate Myc on residue S62. In addition, *PPP2R2A* gene silencing has been shown to cause an increase in Myc protein levels (Qiu et al., 2020). Conversely, PP2A dephosphorylates WEE1 on residues S53 and S153, and PP2A defects cause decreased WEE1 levels via ubiquitin mediated degradation (Li et al., 2020). In principle, changes in either WEE1 and/or Myc could explain the ATRi sensitivity of *PPP2R1A* mutant OCC cells. However, I found that neither p.R183P or p.R183W mutant cells exhibited elevated cMyc levels (Figure 5.1) or decreased WEE1 levels that could trivially explain the *PPP2R1A*/ATRi synthetic lethality (Figure 5.2).

5.3 siRNA screen identifies WNK1 as mediator of ATRi resistance in *PPP2R1A* mutant cells

As neither changes in Myc nor WEE1 could robustly explain ATRi synthetic lethality in *PPP2R1A* mutant cells, I took a more empirical approach to understand this phenotype. In the first instance, I used an RNA interference

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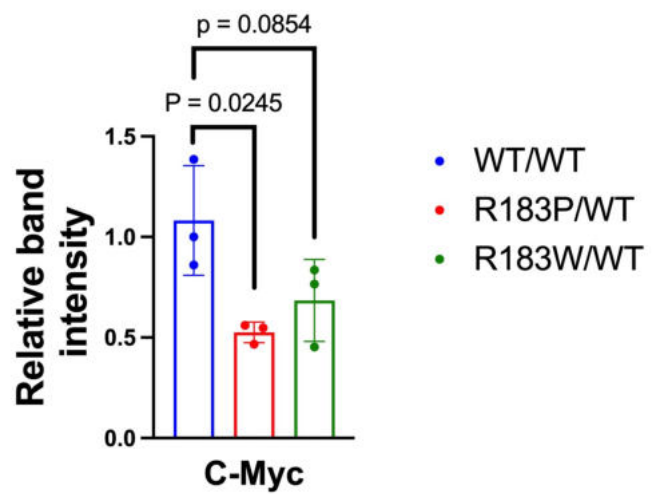
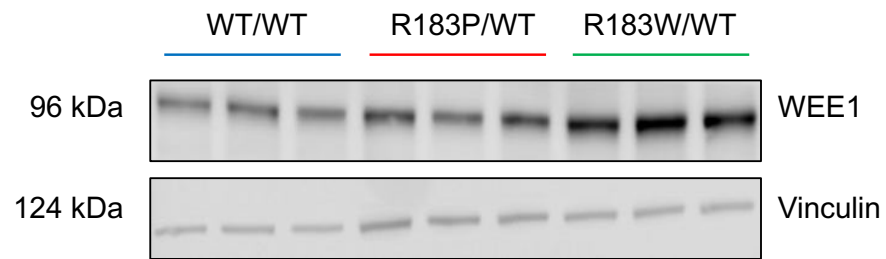


Figure 5.1 Total c-MYC levels decreased in PPP2R1A mutant cells. (A) Western blot for c-MYC from whole cell lysates from TOV21G PPP2R1A isogenic cells. (B) Quantification of band intensity from Western blot in (A). Band intensity calculated relative to median of WT/WT sample. Error bars represent mean and SD. Statistical significance determined by one-way ANOVA.

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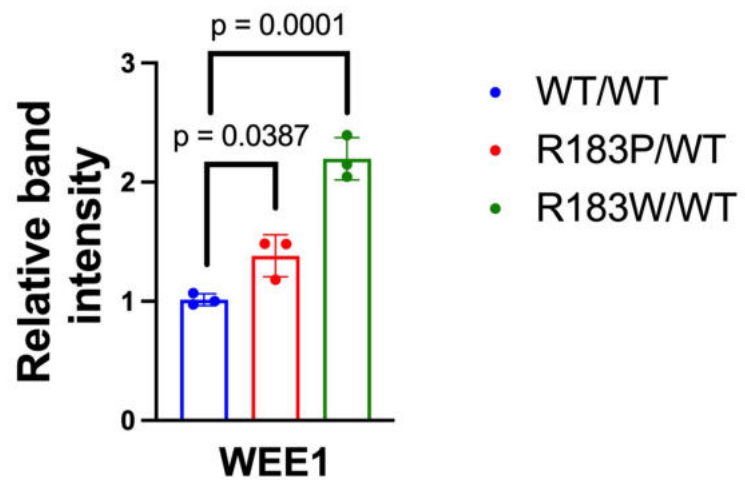


Figure 5.2 Total WEE1 levels increased in TOV21 PPP2R1A mutant cells. (A) Western blot for total WEE1 from whole cell lysates extracted from TOV21G PPP2R1A isogenic cells. (B) Quantification of band intensity from Western blot in B. Band intensity calculated relative to median of WT/WT sample. Error bars represent mean and SD. Statistical significance determined by one-way ANOVA

(siRNA) screen to identify genes that caused resistance to ATRi in *PPP2R1A* mutant and wild type cells, using a screening siRNA library designed to target 953 genes, including those involved in DNA repair and cell cycle control. Cells were reverse transfected with siRNA in 384 well plate format. They were then exposed to AZD6738 at a SF₅₀ concentration (designed to decrease cell survival by 50 %) for 5 subsequent days, after which cell viability was determined by CellTitre Glo® reagent (Figure 5.3).

The effect of each gene silencing event on AZD6738 resistance was estimated by calculation of Drug Effect (DE) Z scores, with positive scores representing resistance-causing effects. This analysis indicated that siRNA designed to target the with no Lysine 1 Kinase (WNK1) caused ATRi resistance in *PPP2R1A* mutant cells (DE Z score = 1.78) but had minimal effects in wild type cells (DE Z score = - 0.21) (Figure 5.4).

5.4 Phospho-proteomic profiling of TOV21G *PPP2R1A* isogenic models

Given heterozygous *PPP2R1A* mutations are considered to reduce PP2A phosphatase activity, I speculated that distinct changes to the phospho-proteome would be detectable upon ATR inhibition in the *PPP2R1A* isogenic model. Mass spectrometry-based phospho-proteomic profiling was therefore performed on TOV21G *PPP2R1A* WT and p.R183P cells following exposure to either DMSO or AZD6738 (5 µM) for 16 hours. Samples were analysed in

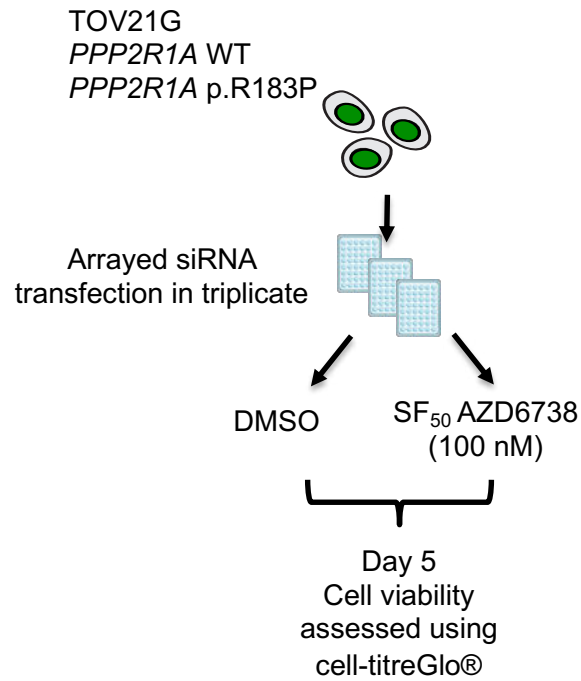


Figure 5.3 siRNA screen schema. TOV21G *PPP2R1A* WT and p.R183P cells were reverse transfected with siRNA library targeting 953 genes before being exposed to either DMSO or AZD6738 100 nM for five continuous days after which cell viability was assessed using cell-titer Glo® .

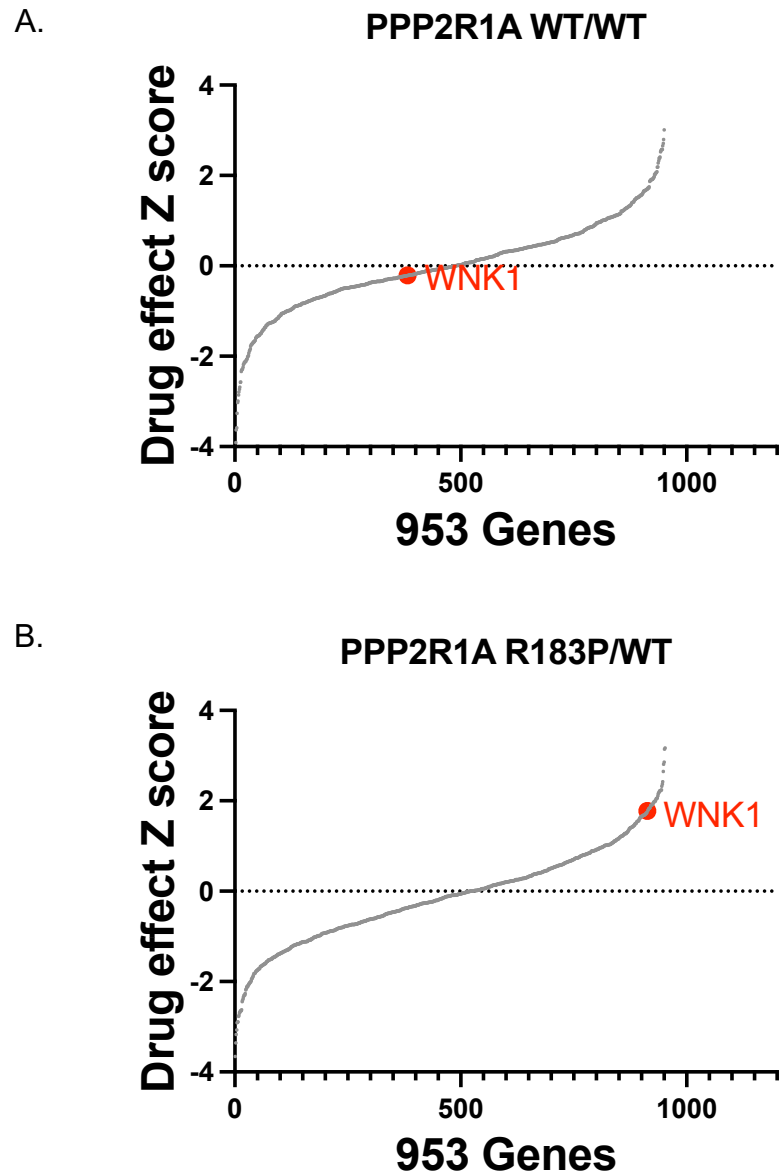


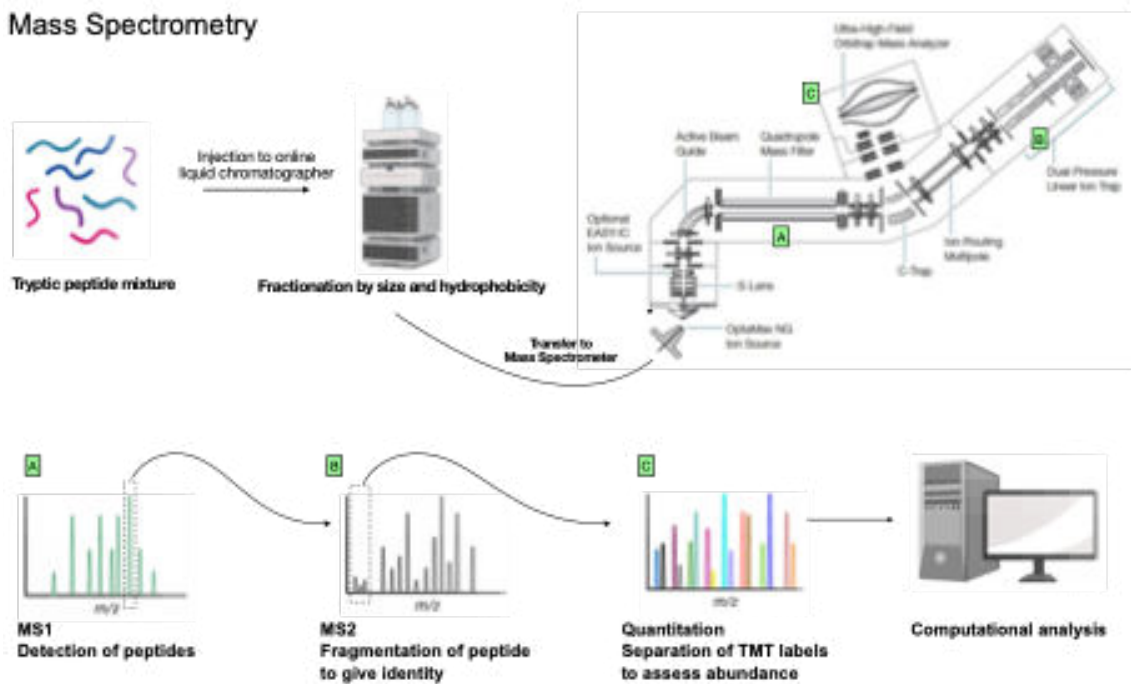
Figure 5.4 siRNA screen identifies WNK1 silencing as a cause of ATRi resistance in PPP2R1A p.R183P mutant cells. Ranked drug effect Z scores from siRNA screen described in (Figure 25) performed in TOV21G PPP2R1A WT cells (A) and TOV21G PPP2R1A p.R183P cells (B). Drug effect Z score for WNK1 highlighted in red.

Triplicate by Dr Theo Roumeliotis (ICR, London) and the mass spectrometry pipeline is summarised in Figure 5.5 and described below.

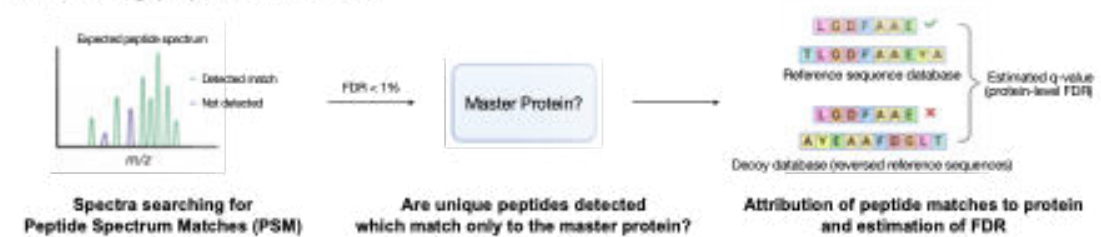
For each phospho-peptide sequence, a scaled abundance was determined. The total signal for each of the tandem-mass tag (TMT) channel is determined and normalized so that the total signal from each channel is equal to the value of the highest channel. In this way, changes to peptide/phospho-peptide abundances can be compared even when the proteins from which they are derived are expressed at differing levels in the cell (O'Connell, Paulo et al. 2018). For each phospho-peptide a Log₂ fold change between DMSO- and ATRi-exposed cells was calculated allowing the DE to be determined with statistical significance being assessed via an unpaired t-test. Finally, to ensure that any changes in phospho-peptide enrichment were not simply due to increases or decreases in the total levels of the protein from which it was derived, I assessed the scaled relative abundances of the corresponding peptide in the complimentary total proteomic profile.

A principle component analysis (PCA) was performed on both the total proteomic and phospho-proteomic data sets. Interestingly, this analysis demonstrated that the total proteomic profiling separated samples strongly by genotype (*PPP2R1A* WT vs *PPP2R1A* p.R183P), whereas phosphor-proteomic analysis separated samples best by the drug exposure (DMSO vs AZD6738) (Figure 5.6). This

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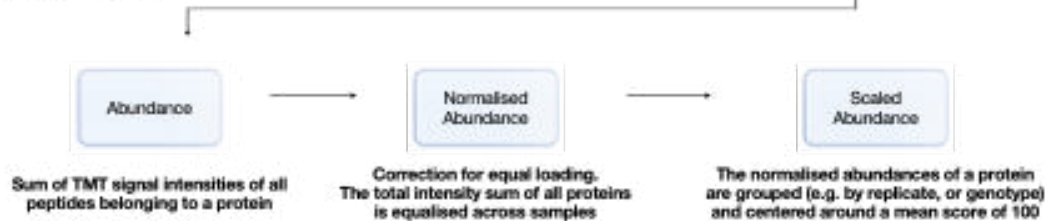


Figure 5.5 Schematic illustrating the mass spectrometry pipeline

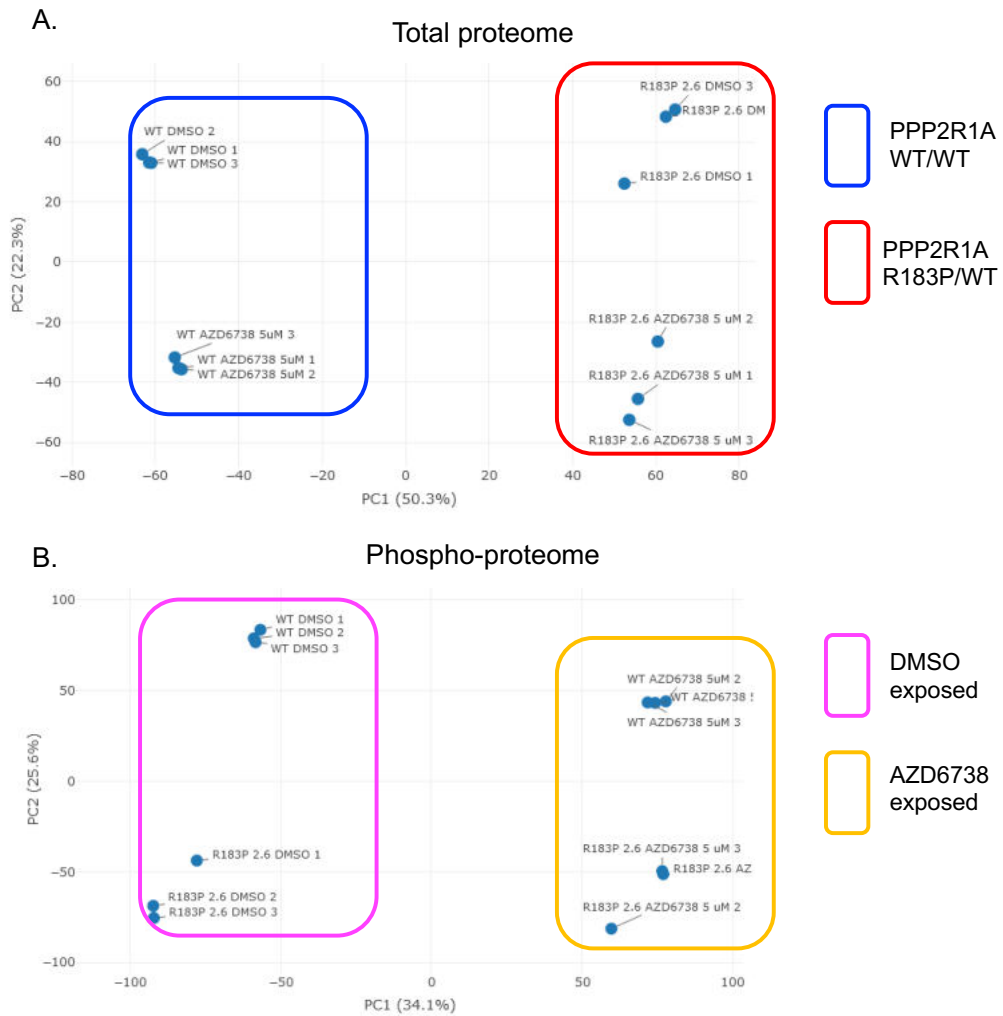


Figure 5.6 PCA analysis demonstrates that the total proteome separates samples strongly by cell line, whereas phospho-proteomics separates samples best by the ATRi treatments. (A) Principle component analysis (PCA) plots for the total proteomic profile. (B) PCA plot for phosphoproteomic profile.

suggests that exposure to ATRi leads to distinct changes in the phospho-proteomic profile of the *PPP2R1A* mutant cells when compared to WT cells.

When I cross-referred data from the siRNA screen to the phospho-proteomic analysis of *PPP2R1A* mutant and wild type cells, I noted that one of the most profound phospho-proteomic changes in *PPP2R1A* p.R183P mutant cells following ATRi exposure was an increase in a single WNK1 phosphorylation site (p.S183). In addition, there was an increase in phosphorylation of the WNK1 substrate OSR1 at residue p.S324, the WNK1 phosphorylation target site (Figure 5.7). These changes in WNK1 and OSR1 phosphorylation were not matched by changes in total protein level (Figure 5.8).

5.5 WNK1 depletion rescues ATRi sensitivity and restores the replicating S phase

The identification of WNK1 in both the siRNA screen and in the phospho-proteomic profiling was of interest as *PPP2R1A* has previously been shown to interact with WNK1 (Chi et al., 2020). Furthermore, in pre-clinical models of gastrointestinal stromal tumours (GIST), *PPP2R1A* mutations have also been associated with elevated WNK1 phosphorylation (Toda-Ishii et al., 2016). Although the WNK1 p.S183 phospho-site has not previously been described and does not lie within the catalytic (phosphatase) domain or any known regulatory domain (Figure 5.9), the observation that the WNK1 target phospho-site (OSR1 p.S324) was enriched in the *PPP2R1A* mutant cells following ATRi led me to

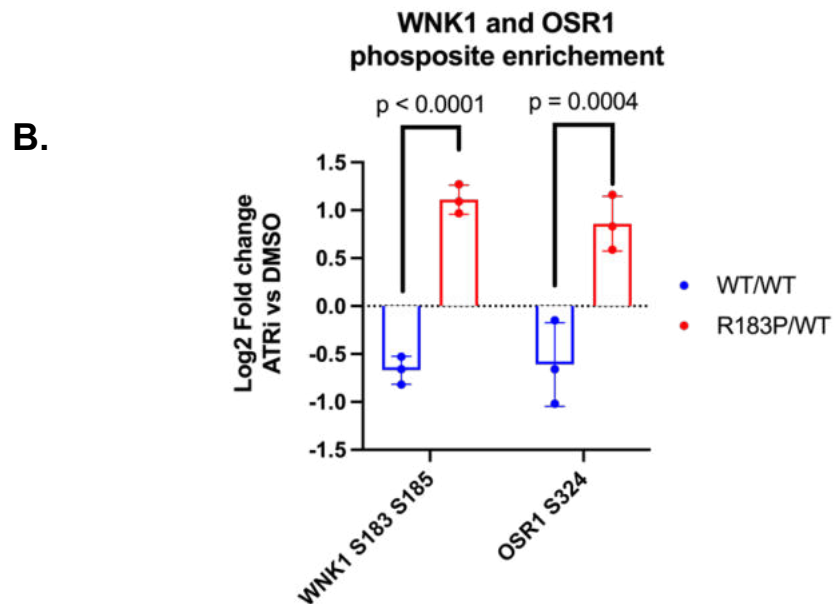
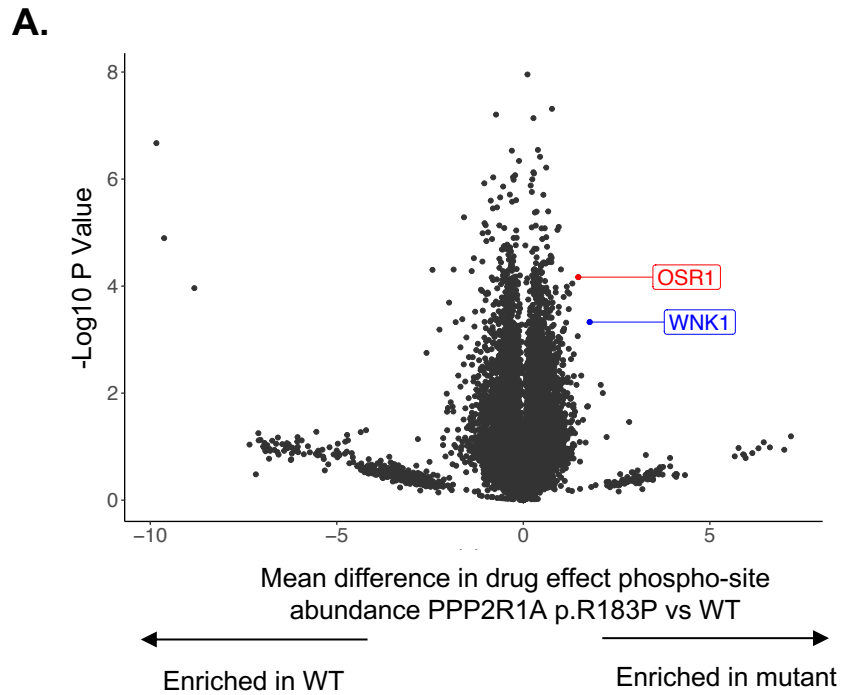
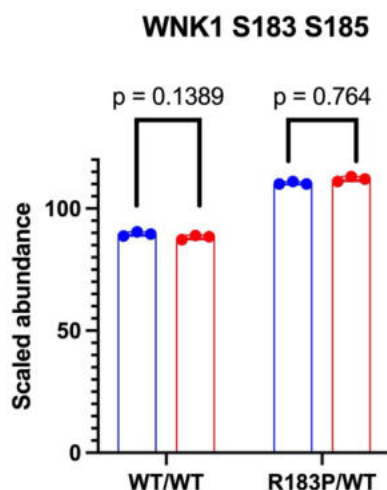


Figure 5.7 Single phosphosite on WNK1 and its downstream substrate OSR1 enriched in PPP2R1A mutant cells upon ATRi exposure. (A) Volcano plot showing the mean difference in drug effect on phospho-site abundance between TOV21G *PPP2R1A* WT and p.R183P cells. WNK1 and OSR1 among the most differentially phosphorylated peptides observed. (B). Log2 fold change in indicated phospho-site on WNK1 and OSR1 between AZD6738 and DMSO exposed TOV21G *PPP2R1A* WT and p.R183P cells. Analysis reveals that single phospho-site on each protein is differentially phosphorylated upon ATRi exposure. Error bars represent mean and SD. Significance determined via two-way ANOVA with Šídák's correction for multiple comparisons.

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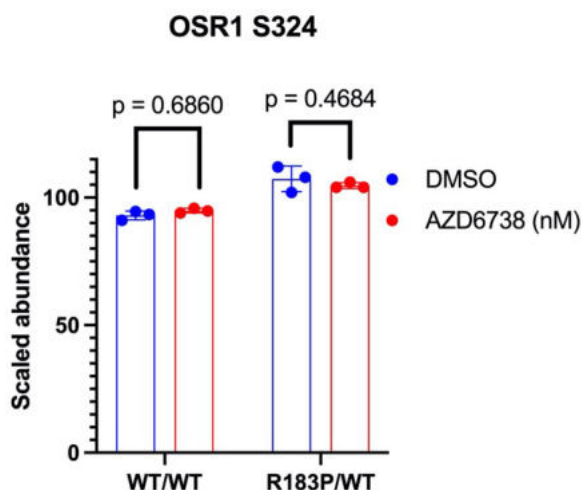


Figure 5.8 Increases in WNK1 and OSR1 phospho-site enrichment following ATRi exposure not due to increases on total peptide abundance.

Histograms showing scaled abundance for peptides corresponding to WNK1 S183/S185 (A) and OSR1 S324 phospho-sites following exposure to DMSO or AZD6738. No significant difference observed. Error bars represent mean and SD. Significance determined via two-way ANOVs with Šídák's multiple comparisons test.

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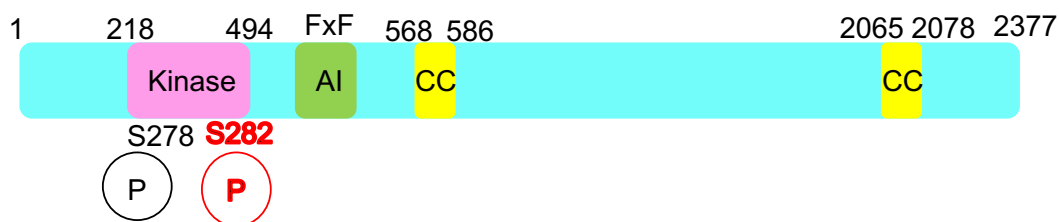


Figure 5.9 WNK1 structure. Numbers indicate amino acid residues. Homologous kinase domain (shown in pink) shared with all WNK family proteins. Autoinhibitory (AI) domain, with two essential phenylalanine residues (F) shown in green. Coiled coil (CC) domains shown in yellow. Activation of WNK1 is dependent on phosphorylation of two serine residues within the kinase domain, S278 and S282. S282 phosphorylation considered to be the most important activating event (highlighted in red). Adapted from McCormick, Yang and Ellison. *Hypertension*. (2008)

hypothesize that phosphorylation of this WNK1 residue reflected an activating event. I therefore sought to determine if depleting WNK1 using siRNA would rescue ATRi sensitivity and some of the other phenotypic features of the ATRi response in *PPP2R1A* mutant cells. Knock down of WNK1 via siRNA was confirmed via Western blot from whole cell extract (Figure 5.10). Having confirmed that transfection with the WNK1 siRNA smartpool used in the siRNA screen led to ATRi resistance in *PPP2R1A* mutant cells (Figure 5.11), I found that multiple distinct WNK1 siRNA also caused ATRi resistance in the same genetic background (Figure 5.12).

I proceeded to assess the impact of WNK1 on the cell cycle defects in *PPP2R1A* in response to ATRi. I found that WNK1 gene silencing reversed the decrease in the replicative S phase fraction caused by ATRi in *PPP2R1A* mutant cells (Figure 5.13), suggesting that the *PPP2R1A*/ATRi synthetic lethality was a WNK1-dependent process.

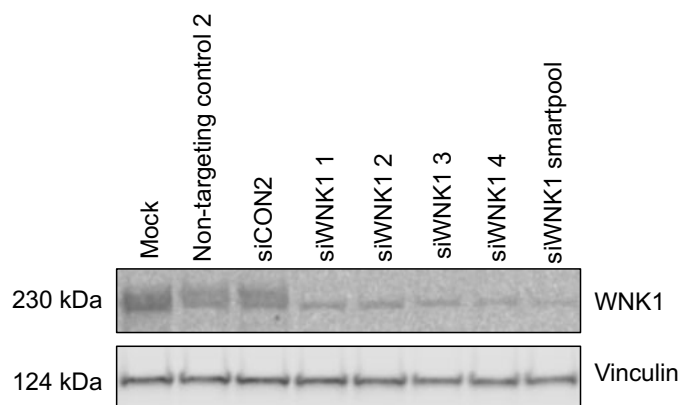


Figure 5.10 Western blot confirming gene silencing of WNK1 following transfection with WNK1 specific siRNAs. Whole cell lysates generated from TOV21G *PPP2R1A* WT cells 72 hours post transfection with indicated siRNA.

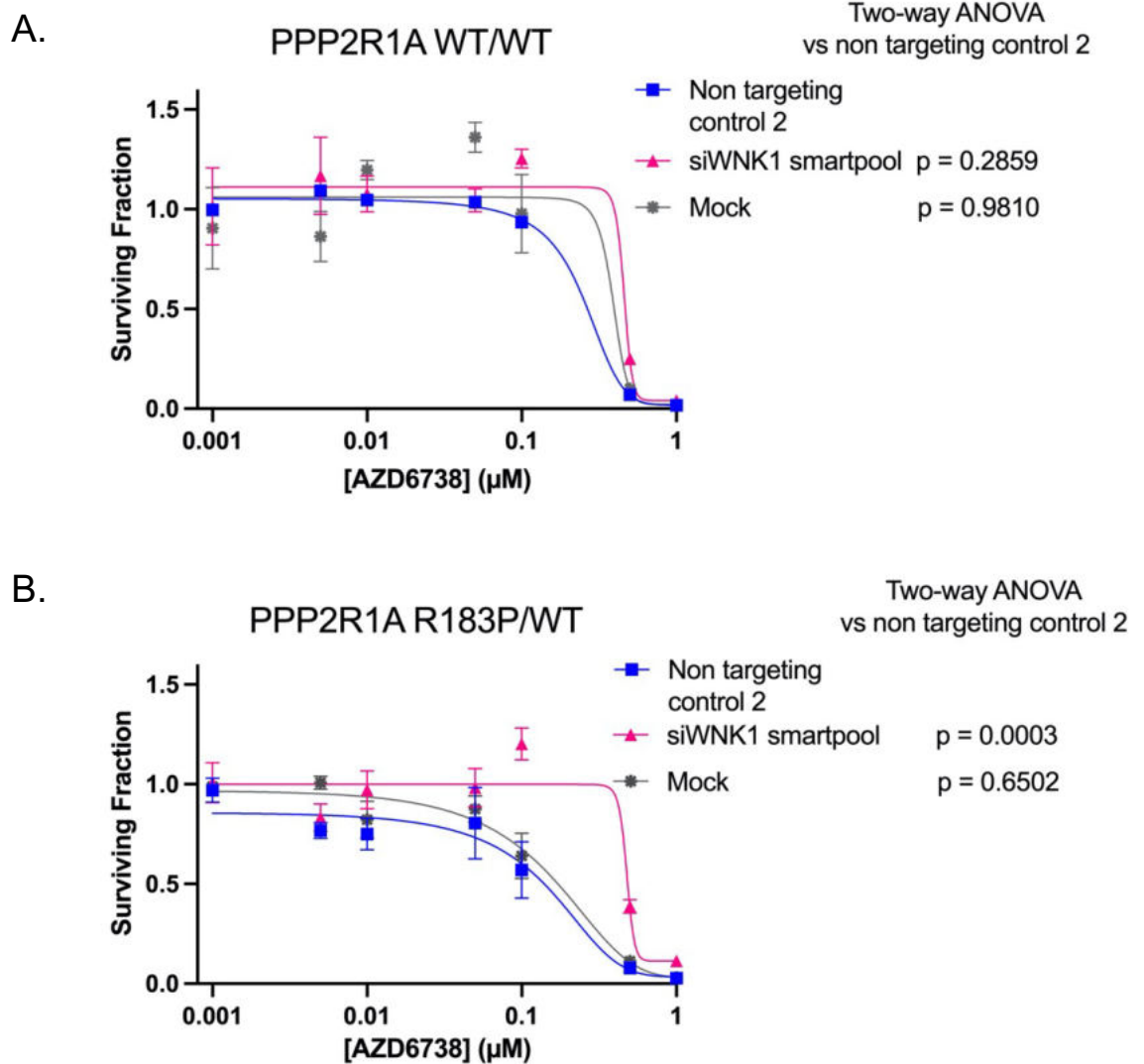


Figure 5.11 WNK1 gene silencing rescues ATRi sensitivity in PPP2R1A mutant cells. Dose response assay for TOV21G PPP2R1A WT (A) and p.R183P (B) cells exposed to increasing concentrations of AZD6738 following transfection with either WNK1 siRNA smartpool, non-targeting control 2 or mock transfected. Transfection with WNK1 siRNA smart pool led to significant (two-way ANOVA) resistance in PPP2R1A p.R183P cell line but not WT cells. Error bars represent mean and SEM from 5 replicates.

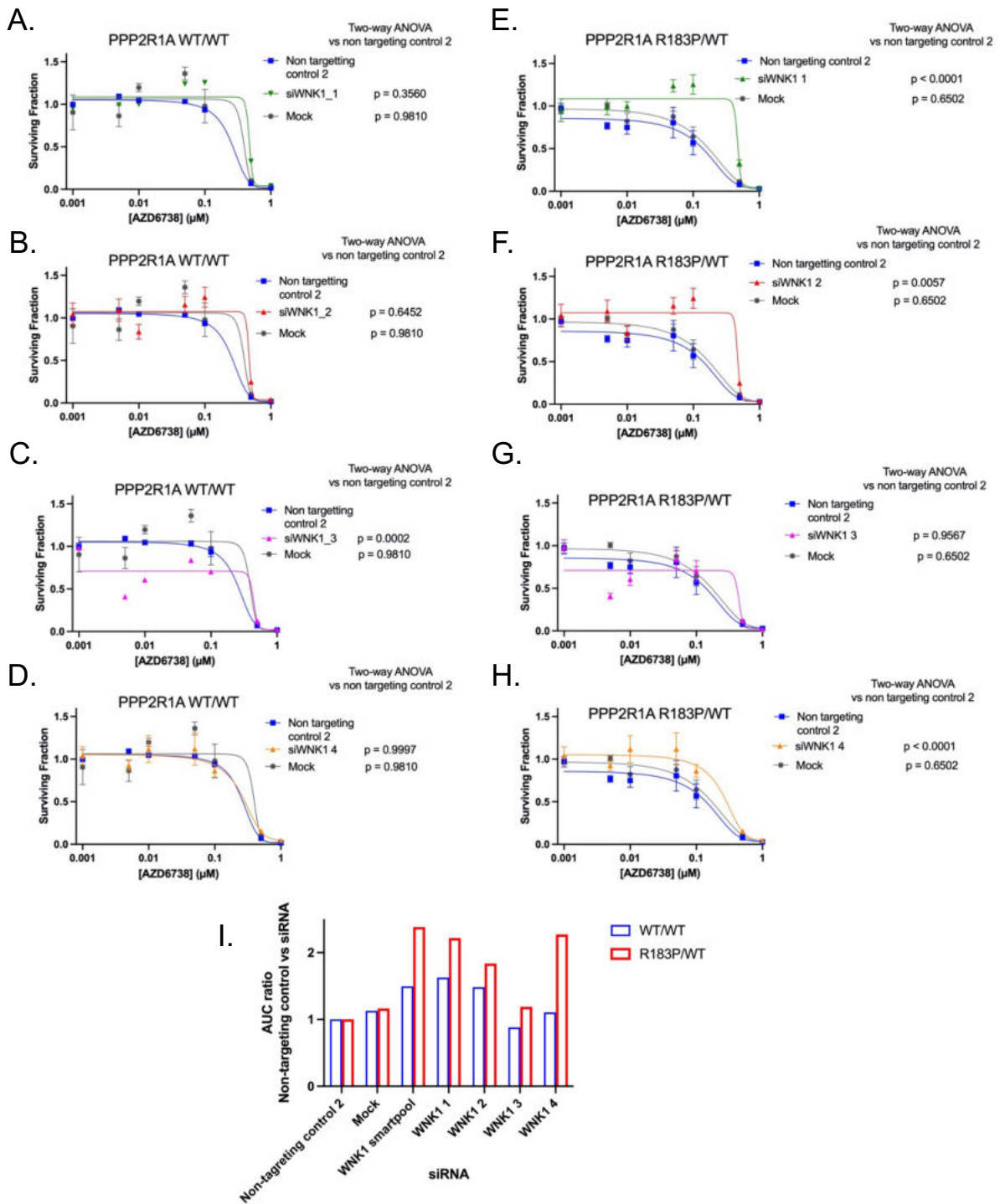


Figure 5.12 WNK1 gene silencing with individual siRNAs rescues ATRi sensitivity in PPP2R1A mutant cells. Dose response assay for TOV21G PPP2R1A WT (A-D) p.R183P (E-H) cells exposed to increasing concentrations of AZD6738 following transfection with either one of two individual WNK1 siRNAs, non-targeting control 2 or mock transfected. Error bars represent SEM from four replicate experiments. Significance determined via two-way ANOVA. (I) Histogram summarizing the AUC ratio, non-targeting control 2 vs indicated siRNA from experiments described in Figure 5.11 and 5.12 A-H.

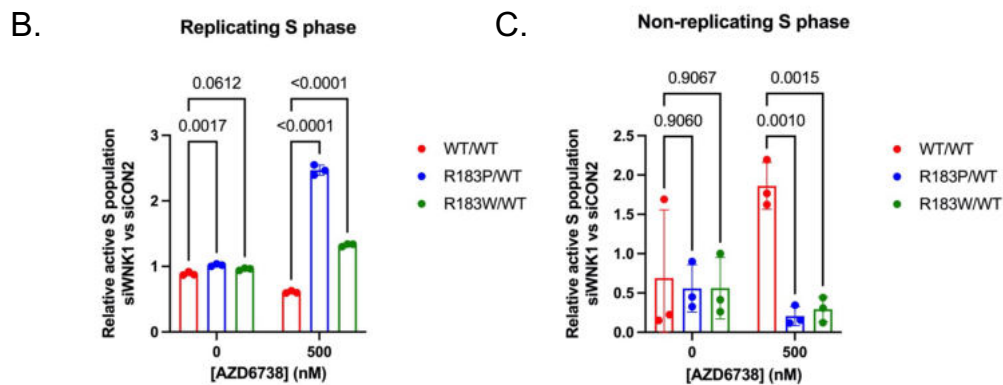
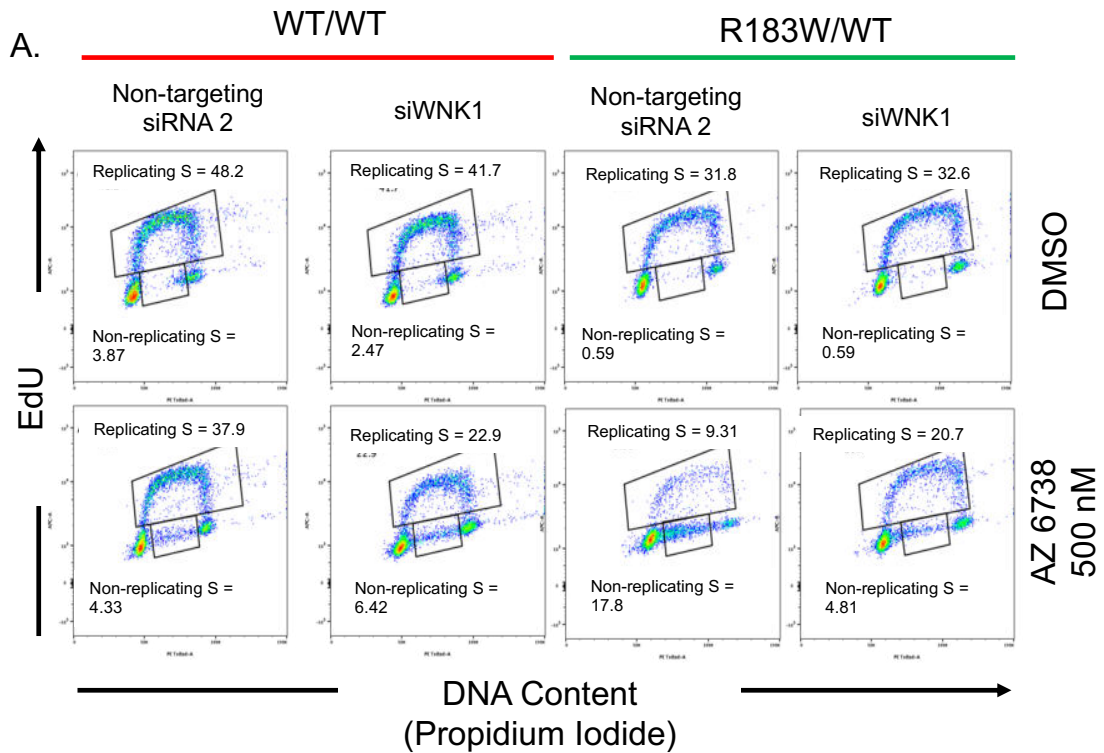


Figure 5.13 Silencing of WNK1 restores replicating S phase in PPP2R1A p.R183P and p.R183W cell lines but not in PPP2R1A wild type cells in response to ATRi. (A) Representative FACS plots with DNA content (PI) on the X-axis vs. EdU intensity on the Y-axis for TOV21G PPP2R1A WT and PPP2R1A p.R183W cell lines following transfection with indicated siRNA and following exposure to increasing concentrations of AZD6738. (B-C) Silencing of WNK1 leads to a relative increase in the proportion of cells in replicating S phase (B) and a corresponding decrease in the proportion of cells in non-replicating S phase (C) in PPP2R1A mutant cells following exposure to AZD6738 compared to non-targeting siRNA. Error bars represent SEM from four replicates. Significance determined by two-way ANOVA with Šídák's correction for multiple comparisons.

5.6 WNK1 silencing rescues ATRi sensitivity in *ARID1A* mutant OCCC cell lines with naturally co-occurring *PPP2R1A* mutations.

To assess the generalisability of these observations, I assessed whether silencing of WNK1 would reverse ATRi sensitivity in additional OCC cell lines with *PPP2R1A* mutations, other than the genetically engineered TOV21G model described above. OVTOKO and OVISE are two commonly used OCCC cell line models which harbour *ARID1A* p.F1991fs and p.Q543fs mutations respectively. Both cell lines also possess heterozygous *PPP2R1A* missense mutations, p.R183W in the case of OVISE and p.R183G for OVTOKO. Both OVTOKO and OVISE were sensitive to AZD6738, and WNK1 gene silencing led to significant resistance compared to non-targeting control 2 siRNA (two-way ANOVA, $p < 0.0001$) (Figure 5.14).

5.7 Chapter 5 Discussion

In this chapter I sought to determine the molecular basis for ATRi sensitivity in *PPP2R1A* mutant cells. Western blot analysis suggests that neither a reduction in total WEE1 levels nor elevated Myc expression, two potential mechanisms described in the literature (F. Li et al., 2020; Qiu et al., 2020), could provide a robust explanation for the observed phenotype. Through the integration of data generated through an siRNA resistance screen and the phospho-proteomic profiling of *PPP2R1A* isogenic cell lines, WNK1 was identified as a potential

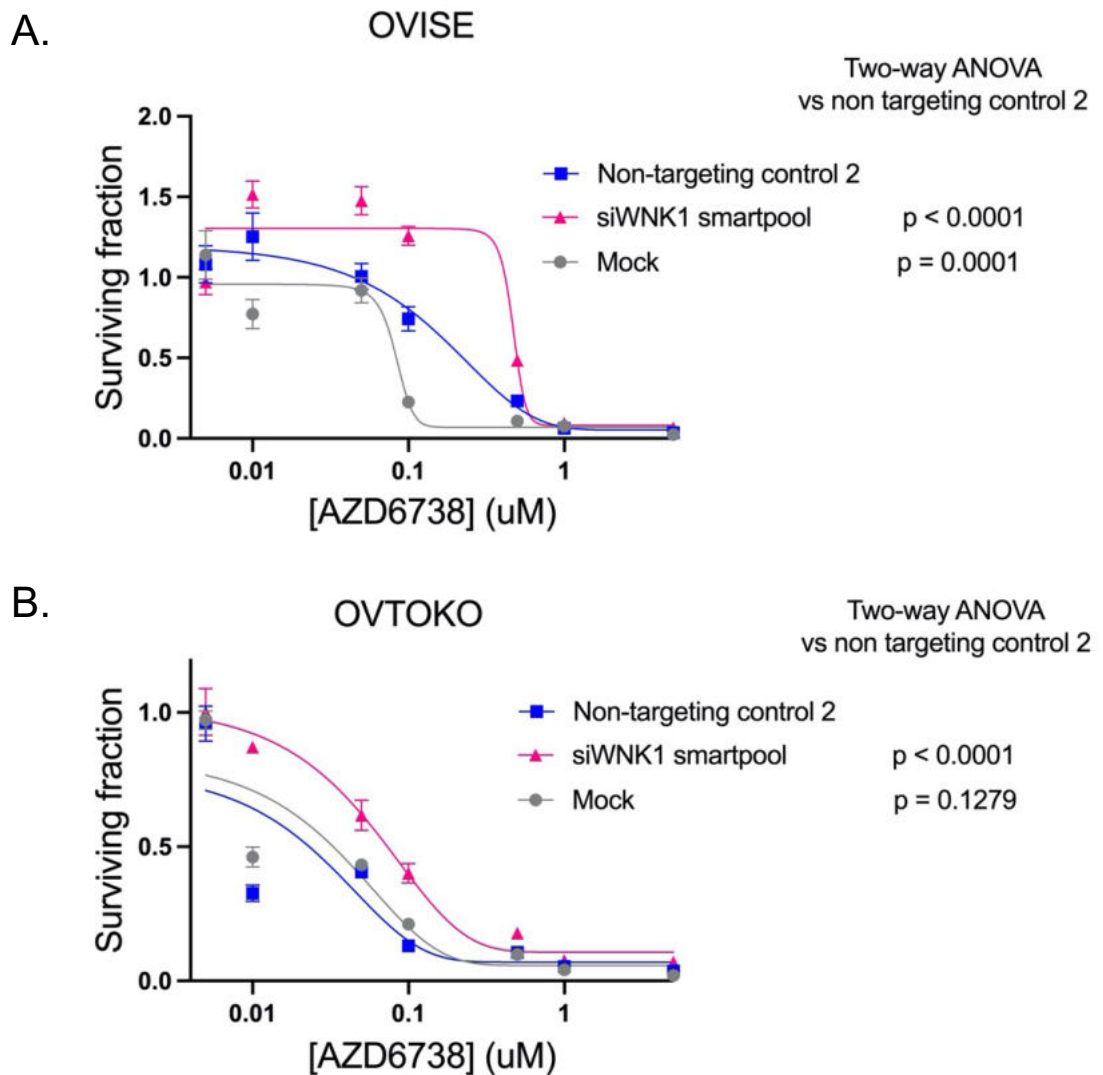


Figure 5.14 WNK1 gene silencing rescues ATRi sensitivity in OCCC cell lines with naturally occurring PPP2R1A missense mutations. Dose response assay for OVISE (A) and OVTOKO (B) cells exposed to increasing concentrations of AZD6738 following transfection with either WNK1 siRNA smartpool, non-targeting control 2 or mock transfected. Transfection with WNK1 siRNA smartpool led to significant increase in sensitivity to AZD6738 in both cell lines. Significance determined via two-way ANOVA. Error bars represent mean and SEM from 5 replicates.

mediator of ATRi sensitivity in *PPP2R1A* mutant TOV21G cells. Given WNK1 has previously been shown to interact with *PPP2R1A* and that the introduction of exogenous mutant *PPP2R1A* results in increased WNK1 phosphorylation, this kinase was chosen for further interrogation. I found that knock down of WNK1 rescued ATRi sensitivity in TOV21G *PPP2R1A* mutant cells but not WT. Furthermore, silencing of WNK1 rescued the replicating S phase population in *PPP2R1A* mutant cells following ATRi exposure, further supporting a novel role for the kinase in mediating the ATRi response. The rescue of ATRi sensitivity upon WNK1 depletion was also observed in two cell line models of *ARID1A*-mutant OCCC with naturally occurring *PPP2R1A* p.R183 mutations suggesting that this effect may be more generalisable.

With No Lysine Kinases (WNKs) are a family of conserved serine-threonine kinases so-named because of the atypical placement of a lysine residue within the catalytic domain. Four WNK family proteins (WNK1-4) have been described, with WNK1 and WNK4 being the most extensively studied due to their role in a rare form of familial hypertension, pseudohypoaldosteronism type II (PHA II) (Wilson, Disse-Nicodeme et al. 2001, Susa, Sohara et al. 2014). Given their association with the familial endocrine disorder, it is perhaps unsurprising that WNK1 signalling has most extensively been described in relation to cells response to hyperosmolar stress through the regulation of trans-membrane ion transport (Shekarabi, Zhang et al. 2017). However, more recently WNK signalling has been implicated in a variety of processes involved in tumorigenesis including

the epidermal-mesenchymal transition (Li, Li et al. 2021), angiogenesis (Sie, Li et al. 2020), and invasion and migration (Jaykumar, Jung et al. 2021).

Known WNK1 substrates include the Oxidative Stress Response Kinase 1 (OSR1) (Chen, Yazicioglu et al. 2004, Anselmo, Earnest et al. 2006) and STE20/SPS1-related proline/alanine-rich kinase (SPAK) (Vitari, Thastrup et al. 2006), through which they influence the activity of Na-Cl (NCC) and Na-K-2Cl (NKCC2) co-transporters (Zhang, Siew et al. 2015). The WNK1 signalling cascade has previously been shown to interact with several oncogenic pathways, including the Phosphoinositide 3-kinase (PI3K) network (Jiang, Zhou et al. 2005, Xu, Stippec et al. 2005), Nuclear factor kappa-light-chain-enhancer of activated B cells (NF κ B) network (Miller, Brough et al. 2016) and Transforming growth factor β (TGF- β) network (Lee, Chen et al. 2007), further supporting its role in cancer formation. However, WNK1 has not hitherto been linked to ATR signalling, nor the response to ATRi.

Results for the siRNA screen suggested that WNK1 silencing led to ATRi resistance in *PPP2R1A* mutant cells but not WT. One limitation of the use of such an experimental technique is potential off-target gene silencing which may confound the interpretation of results (Birmingham, Anderson et al. 2006, Fedorov, Anderson et al. 2006). Confidence that the observed phenotype can be attributed to silencing of the target gene can be increased when multiple distinct siRNAs, targeting unique regions of the target mRNA, produce the same biological effect. When two or more such siRNAs lead to a phenotype, an

assumption that the effect is on-target can be made (Echeverri, Beachy et al. 2006). I validated screen findings using three distinct WNK1 specific siRNAs, and this gave me confidence that the effect was real and not an off-target effect nor screen artefact.

ATR inhibition in *PPP2R1A* mutant cells was associated with distinct changes to the phospho-proteome. WNK1 phospho-site p.S183/185 was enriched in the *PPP2R1A* mutant cell line following exposure to AZD6738, but depleted in WT cells under the same conditions. This phospho-site has not been previously described and does not lie in a known regulatory or catalytic domain of the kinase. However, the same pattern of enrichment in mutant cells but depletion in WT was observed for the established WNK1 substrate, OSR1 p.S324. I therefore concluded that the increased phosphorylation of WNK1 was an activating event. From the data presented in this chapter I am unable to specify whether this assumed increase in WNK1 kinase activity arises through increased phosphatase activity or some other mechanism, such as a change in subcellular localisation. The absence of a specific antibody for phospho-WNK1 (S183/185) precluded the validation of the mass spectrometry data by an orthogonal approach such as Western blot analysis.

WNK1 depletion reverses ATRi sensitivity in ARID1A-deficient cells with CRISPR primed-edited and naturally occurring *PPP2R1A* p.R183 mutations. Mechanistically, WNK1 gene silencing was associated with a restoration of the replicating S population in response to ATRi in *PPP2R1A* mutant cells but not

WT. I therefore hypothesise that, in the context of ATR inhibition, reduced WNK1 activity, either via hypo-phosphorylation or reduced protein levels, enables improved DNA replication during S phase *PPP2R1A* mutant cells. Consequently, cells entering mitosis would be able to segregate their chromosomes more readily, avoiding the deleterious consequences of ATR inhibition in ARID1A-deficient cells such as anaphase bridges and lagging chromosomes (Williamson, Miller et al. 2016). WNK1 has not previously been implicated in DNA replication or S phase progression. On the contrary, in previous studies, upon mitotic entry WNK1 has been shown to change its localisation from the cytoplasm to the mitotic spindles. Silencing of WNK1 resulted in aberrant segregation of chromosomes during anaphase, failure of abscission, and reduced viability (Tu, Bugde et al. 2011). These findings would appear to be at odds with the observations presented in this chapter. However, it is entirely possible that WNK1 plays functionally distinct roles in different phases of the cell cycle.

In the model described above, ATRi sensitivity in *PPP2R1A* mutant cells is driven by increased WNK1 activity. Therefore, future work could aim to establish which WNK1 substrate is responsible for the ATRi sensitive phenotype. Multiple CRISPR screens, described in this thesis or published elsewhere (Ruiz, Mayor-Ruiz et al. 2016, Hustedt, Alvarez-Quilon et al. 2019) have identified a compendium of genes that control ATRi sensitivity. WNK1 phosphorylation events that are critical for ATRi sensitivity could be identified by carrying out phosphoproteomic profiling in the *PPP2R1A* isogenic models in the presence and absence of WNK1 gene silencing. Integration of data provided through these two

approaches will likely generate testable hypotheses to explain the *PPP2R1A/ATR* synthetic lethal interaction.

Alternatively, a hypothesis driver approach could be adopted to establish the role of WNK1. As discussed in Chapter 4, the routes through which ATR inhibition can result in a decrease in the replicating S phase population include the unscheduled firing of dormant origins and the ensuing depletion of replisome components and nucleotides, together with the protective role ATR plays at the replication fork. Addressing which of these processes WNK1 participates in could be addressed in future work. DNA fibre assays would provide a means to assess both replication stress and origin firing in the in response to ATRi in the presence and absence of *WNK1* gene silencing. Sugitani *et al* have recently proposed the use of a Western blot for phospho-MCM4 and phospho-RIF1 as surrogate biomarkers for origin firing (Sugitani, Vendetti et al. 2022) providing an orthogonal means to assess origin firing. Assessment of the chromatin bound replisome components in the context of normal or repressed WNK1 expression would afford the opportunity to assess whether WNK1 participates in unperturbed DNA replication. Finally, repeating the phosphoproteomic profiling as described above would provide a means to assess changes in both the proteome and phosphoproteome, which could account for the discrepancies in replicating S phase populations between *PPP2R1A* mutant and WT cells in response to ATRi.

Data presented in this chapter suggests a novel role for WNK1 in mediating the ATRi response in *PPP2R1A/ARID1A* double mutant OCCC. In the subsequent

chapter I sought to determine whether the synthetic lethal interaction between ATR and PPP2R1A identified and characterised in previous chapters could also be observed *in vivo*, in xenograft models of ARID1A deficient OCCC.

Chapter 6. In vivo assessment of PPP2R1A/ATR synthetic lethal interaction.

6.1 Introduction

Having established a synthetic lethal interaction between PPP2R1A and ATR in a tumour cell line model of ARID1A-deficient OCCC, I sought to determine if this effect could also be observed *in vivo*. Luciferase-expressing TOV21G cells have previously been shown to form diffuse miliary intraperitoneal disease when introduced to immunocompromised mice by intraperitoneal injection (Miller, Brough et al. 2016) mirroring the clinical presentation in patients with OCCC. I generated an orthotropic intraperitoneal model involving the xenografting of TOV21G PPP2R1A WT, p.R183P or p.R183W cells into immunocompromised mice. Using this model system, treatment with the ATRi AZD6738 significantly slowed tumour growth following transplantation of *PPP2R1A* mutant cells but not WT. This work was carried out by Asha Konde, Lord Lab, with my assistance and I analysed data emerging from this study.

6.2 Generation of luciferase-expressing TOV21G PPP2R1A isogenic cell lines

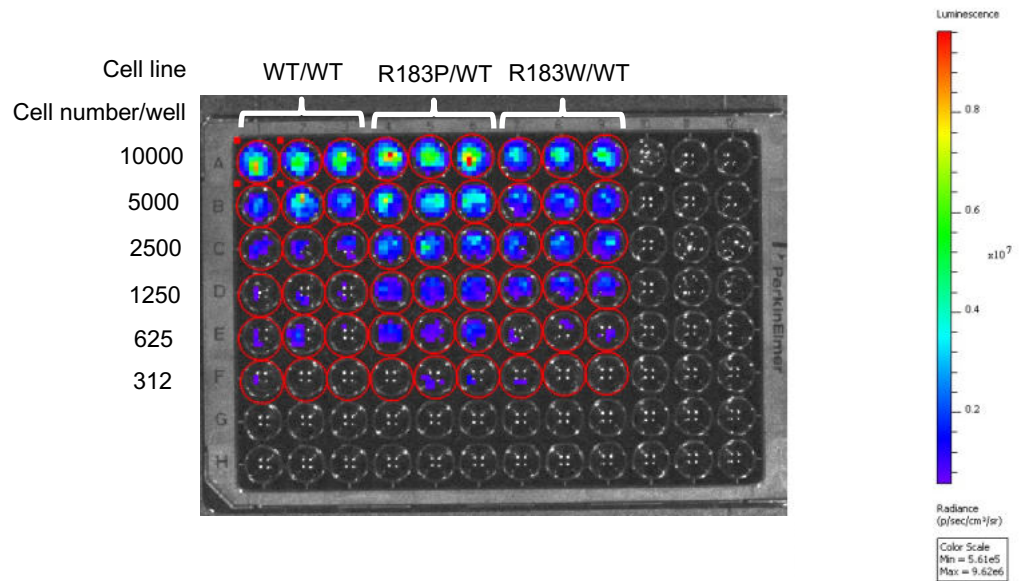
To facilitate the assessment of tumour burden using IVIS® imaging system *in vivo*, I first generated luciferase expressing TOV21G *PPP2R1A* WT (WT/WT), p.R183P (R183P/WT) and p.R183W (R183W/WT) cells. Cells were infected with a lentiviral vector encoding luciferase and red-fluorescent protein (RFP).

Luciferase catalyses the degradation of luciferin substrates, emitting photons in the process, which can be measured. 72 hours following infection, RFP positive cells were harvested via fluorescence-activated cell sorting (FACS). Prior to *in vivo* inoculation, the luciferase activity of these RFP positive cells was assessed *in vitro* with all three cell lines (Figure 6.1).

6.3 *In vivo* study optimization

A pilot study was performed to ensure that the genetic modifications introduced through CRISPR prime gene editing did not impact the ability of cells to xenograft. 1×10^6 luciferase-expressing TOV21G cells with WT *PPP2R1A* or those with heterozygous p.R183P or p.R183W mutations were inoculated via intraperitoneal injection into 3 BALB/c nude mice per genotype. Luciferase activity was measured by the intraperitoneal injection of luciferin and IVIS imaging 24 hours following intraperitoneal tumour inoculation and then bi-weekly. All three cell lines xenografted successfully with an increase in luminescence observed after day 7 (Figure 6.2). Within the full *in vivo* study, I elected to begin drug treatment on day 6 to allow for sufficient time to allow successful xenografting but also before exponential tumour growth occurred, in order to maximize the ability to observe a response.

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Cell line	Mean luminescence (Photons/second/cel)	Sufficient for in vivo assessment
TOV21G PPP2R1A WT/WT	1758.77	Yes
TOV21G PPP2R1A R183P/WT	3325.49	Yes
TOV21G PPP2R1A R183W/WT	2012.07	Yes

Figure 6.1 Luciferase activity of TOV21G PPP2R1A isogenic models satisfactory for iVIS imaging. (A) Luciferase activity confirmed in TOV21G PPP2R1A WT, p.R183P and p.R183W cells. Following infection and FACS sorting, cells seeding to 96 well plate at indicated densities. After 24 hours, luciferin (150 $\mu\text{g/ml}$) added to each well. Luminescence measured via IVIS imaging 10 minutes after addition of luciferin. (B) Quantification of luminescence from experiment described in (A). All three cell lines exceed the minimum threshold stipulated in manufactured recommendations (500 photons/second/cell).

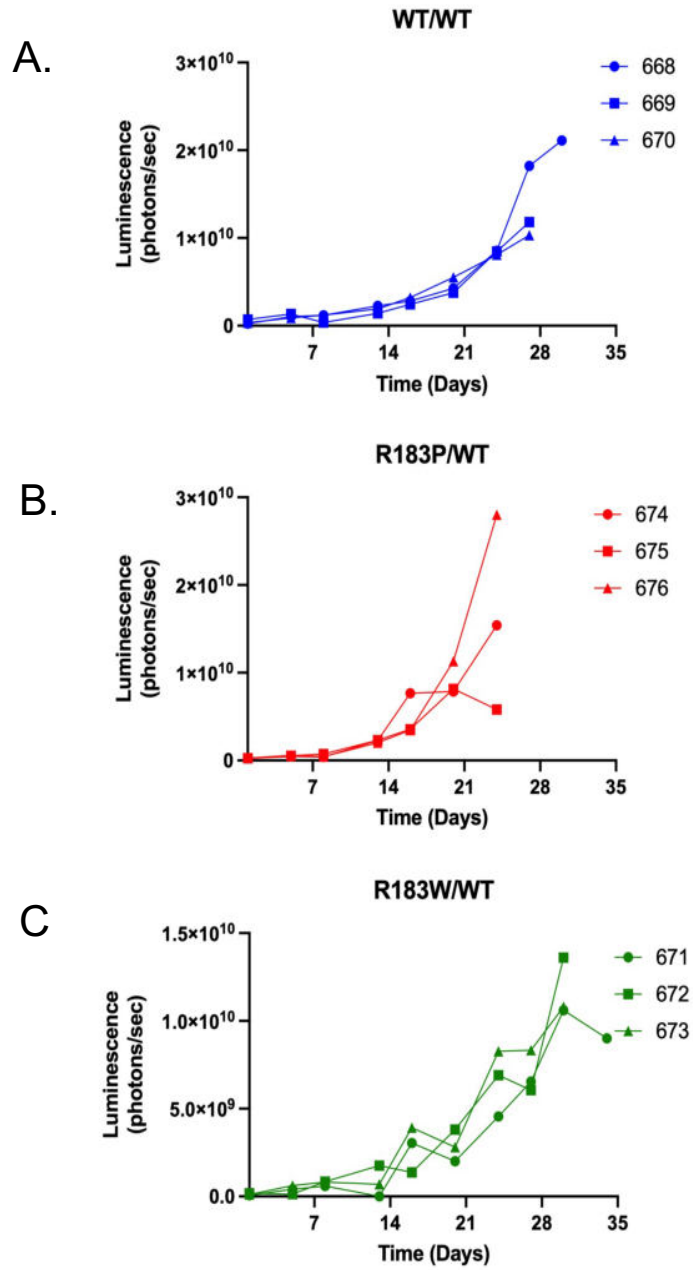
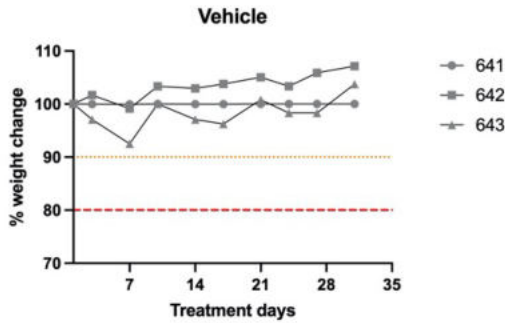
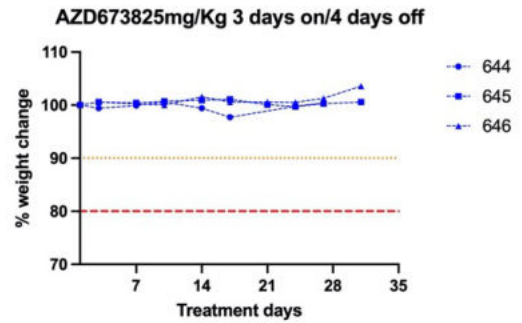


Figure 6.2 Luciferase expressing TOV21G PPP2R1A isogenic models successfully xenograft. Luciferase expressing TOV21G PPP2R1A WT (A), p.R183P (B) and p.R183W(C) cells successfully xenograft following intraperitoneal (IP) injection. 1×10^6 cells inoculated via IP injection on day 0. Tumour burden assessed by the IP injection of luciferin (150 mg/kg) followed by IVIS imaging after 10 minutes. Tumour burden assessment performed 24 hours after tumour cell inoculation and bi-weekly thereafter. Mice culled due to abdominal distension (ascites), poor body condition or > 20% weight loss compared to baseline.

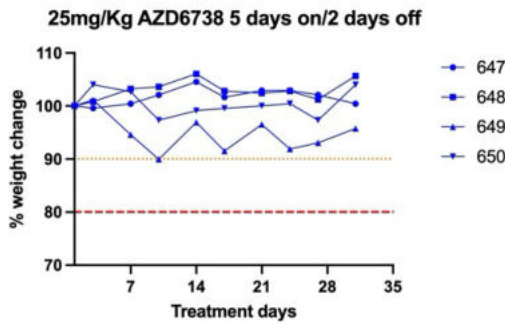
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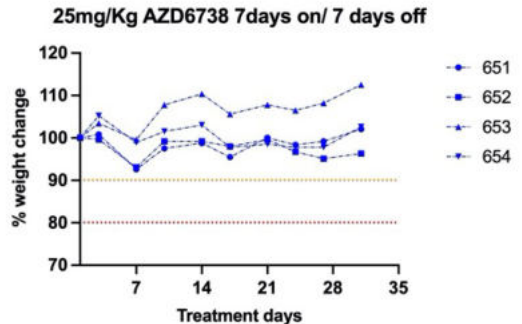


Figure 6.3 AZD6738 25mg mg/kg, using cycles of five days on treatment followed by two days break was selected for the full in vivo study. Vehicle (A) or AZD6738 25 mg/kg given in 3 days on/4days off (B), 5 days on/2 days off(C) and 7 days on/days off (D) schedules for 30 days. Orange dashed line represents 10% weight loss relative to baseline, the threshold for extra monitoring. The red dashed line represents 20% weight loss, the threshold for culling. All regimes tolerate without >10% weight loss for any individual animal

AZD6738 has been associated with toxicity when used in mice for *in vivo* studies (Astrazeneca, personal communication, June 2021). A variety of AZD6738 doses and schedules have been reported in the literature (Checkley, MacCallum et al. 2015, Vendetti, Lau et al. 2015, Wallez, Dunlop et al. 2018, Qiu, Fa et al. 2020). As TOV21G OCC cells have an *ARID1A* loss-of-function mutation and are somewhat sensitive to ATRi, both *in vitro* and *in vivo* (Williamson, Miller et al. 2016), a relatively low dose of AZD6738 (25mg/kg) was selected to maximise the chance of seeing an increase in ATRi sensitivity in the context of a pre-existing *ARID1A*/ATRi synthetic lethality. Several dosing schedules were trialled, all of which were tolerated without >20% weight loss, a pre-defined threshold for culling (Figure 6.3). Ultimately, AZD6738 25mg/kg, using cycles of five days on treatment followed by two days break was selected for the full *in vivo* study.

6.4 PPP2R1A mutations enhance ATRi sensitivity *in vivo*

In order to assess whether *PPP2R1A*/ATRi synthetic lethality operated *in vivo*, I designed a xenograft and therapy experiment shown in Figure 6.4.

In this experiment, TOV21G cells and the daughter clones with a heterozygous *PPP2R1A* p.R183P or p.R183W mutations were transplanted into recipient mice. To model local metastasis in OCC, these cells were introduced into the peritoneal cavity of mice and tumour growth was monitored by IVIS-based luminescence. After tumours had established, tumour bearing animals were treated with AZD6738 or the drug vehicle DMSO and monitored tumour volume for 17 days. Given that the cell line xenografts displayed different growth kinetics in the pilot experiment (Figure 6.2) a fold change luminescence relative to a measurement

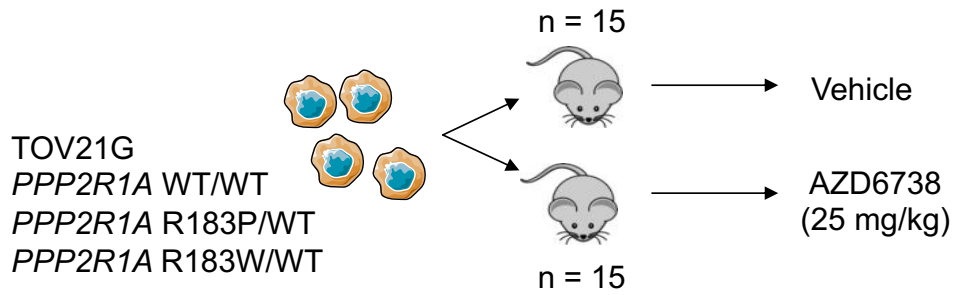
taken 24 hours prior to treatment initiation was calculated. In keeping with previous literature, the development of ascites in this orthotopic xenograft model rendered the measurement and interpretation of luminescence beyond 17 days unreliable (Baert, Verschuere et al. 2015).

I found that when compared to vehicle treatment, this low dose ATR inhibitor treatment had minimal effects on tumour growth in the absence of a *PPP2R1A* mutation but significantly suppressed tumour growth in the presence of a *PPP2R1A* mutation (two-way ANOVA, $p < 0.05$) (Figure 6.5 and 6.6). For both the TOV21G *PPP2R1A* p.R183P and p.R183W models a significant reduction in luminescence was observed from day 10 onwards (Figure 6.7). As expected, this low dose ATRi treatment had minimal effects on animal body weight or condition (Figure 6.8).

6.5 Treatment with AZD6738 improves survival irrespective of *PPP2R1A* status

Although the development of ascites in this orthotopic mouse model precluded IVIS imaging beyond day 17 of treatment, mice continued to be monitored for survival analysis. Mice were culled due to poor body condition, development of ascites or change in health status due to abdominal tumours. As previously discussed, TOV21G cells harbour a loss-of-function *ARID1A* mutation and have

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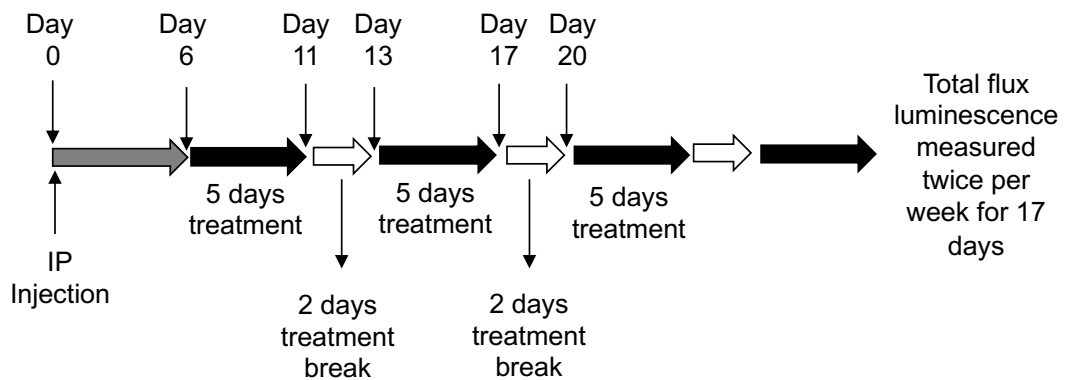
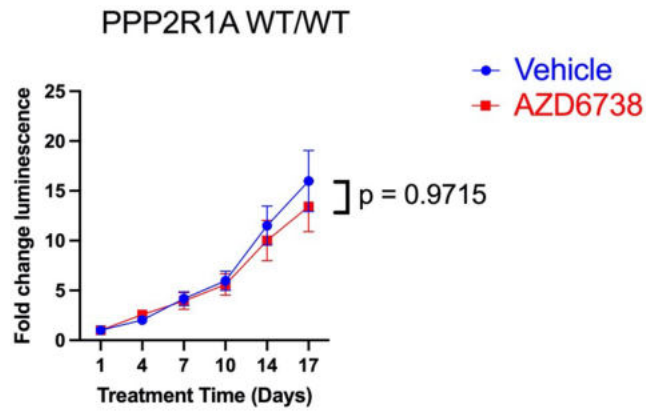
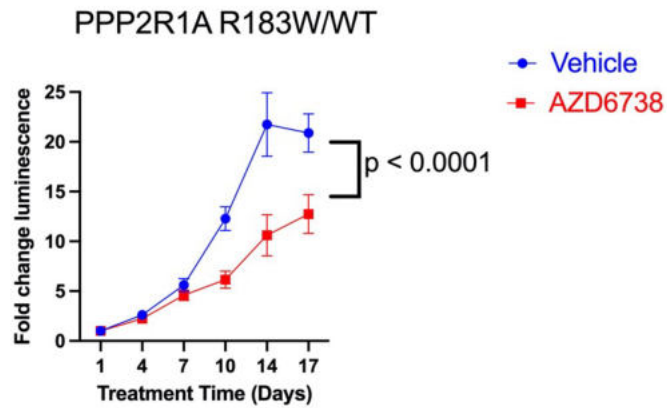


Figure 6.4 In vivo study schema. (A) *In vivo* schema. 1×10^6 Luciferase expressing TOV21G PPP2R1A WT, p.R183P and p.R183W injected into the peritoneum of BALB/c athymic mice and treated with either vehicle (n=15) of AZD6738 25 mg/kg (n=15). (B) Treatment schedule for the *in vivo* study described in (A). IP injection performed on day 0. Treatment initiated on day 6. Mice treated with either vehicle or AZD6738 25 mg/kg using cycles of five days on treatment followed by two days break. Tumour burden assessed via IVIS imaging bi-weekly for 17 days.

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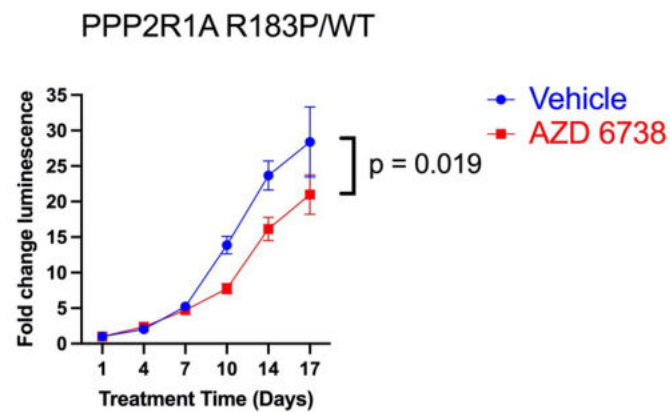


Figure 6.5 Treatment with AZD6738 impairs the growth of PPP2R1A mutant tumours but not WT. Line plots showing fold change in luminescence compared to pre-treatment level for TOV21G PPP2R1A WT (A), p.R183W (B) and p.R183P (C) cells. Error bars represent SEM. Significance determined by two-way ANOVA.

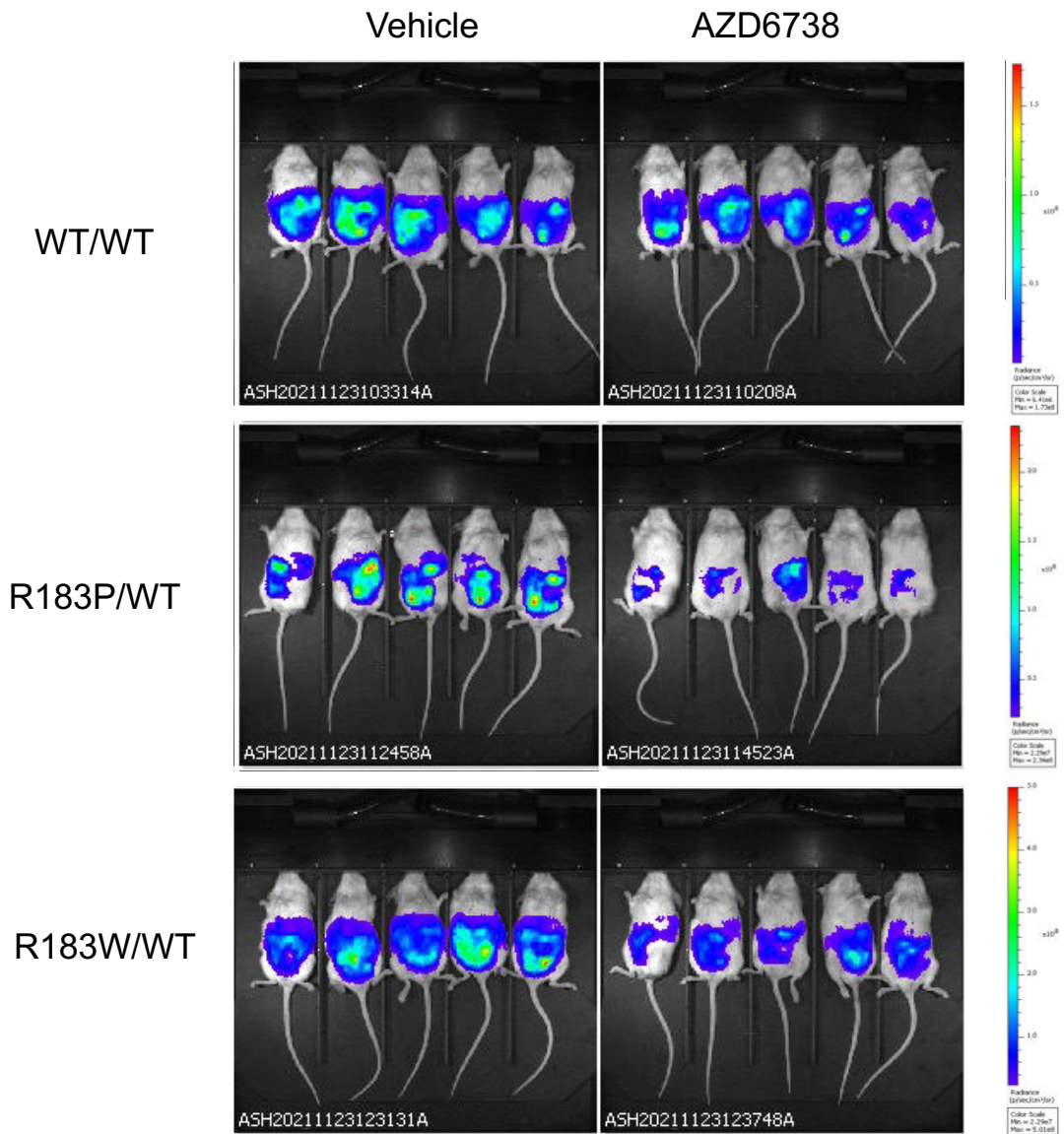


Figure 6.6 Treatment with AZD6738 impairs the growth of PPP2R1A mutant tumours but not WT (Continued). Representative images of vehicle and AZD6738 treated mice taken 14 days post initiation of treatment.

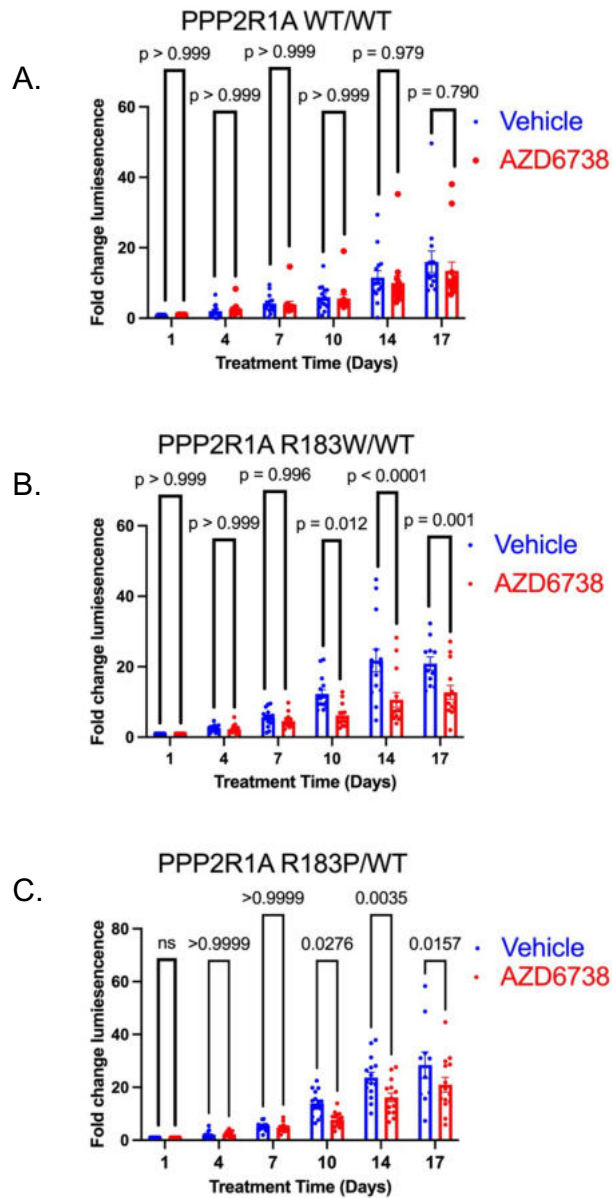


Figure 6.7 Treatment with AZD6738 limits growth of PPP2R1A mutant cells from day 10 onwards. Histogram showing the fold change luminescence for compared to pre-treatment level for TOV21G PPP2R1A WT (A), p.R183W (B) and p.R183P (C) cells in each arm. Error bars represent SEM. Pair-wise significance determined via two-way ANOVA with Šídák correction for multiple comparisons.

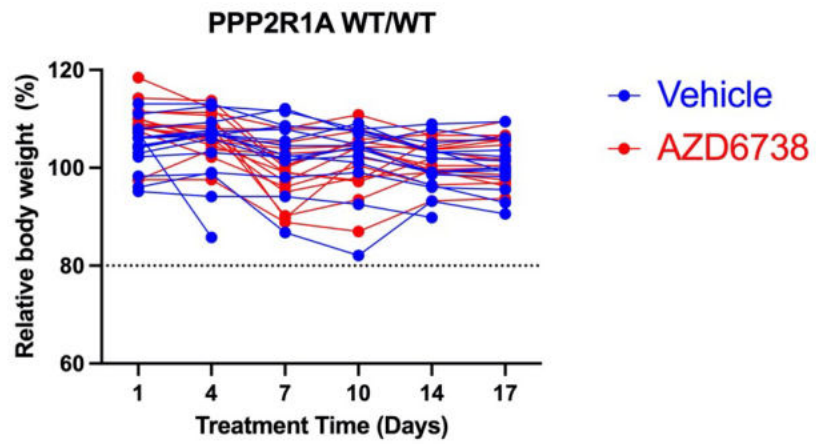
been shown to be sensitive to the ATRi VX970 *in vivo* (Williamson, Miller et al. 2016). Treatment with AZD6738 resulted in significantly increased survival (Mantel-Cox test, $p < 0.05$) for all three genotypes Figure 6.9).

6.6 Chapter 6 Discussion

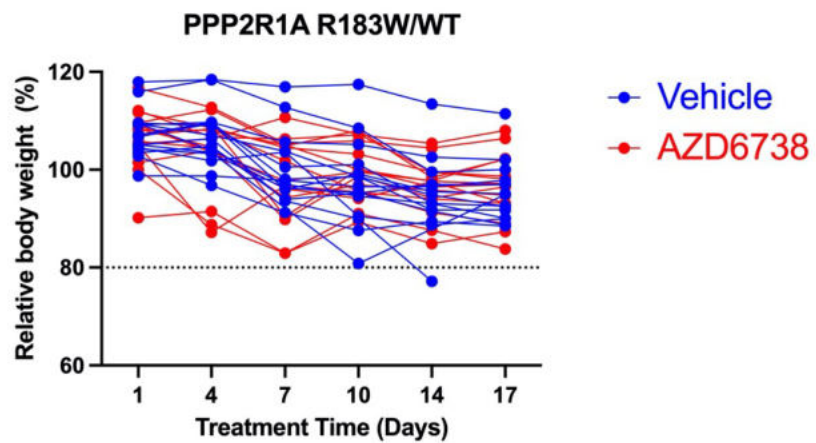
Using the TOV21G *PPP2R1A* isogenic models generated and characterised in previous chapters I developed an orthotopic xenograft model of OCCC. Treatment with the ATRi AZD6738 significantly reduced the tumour burden resulting from the inoculation of *PPP2R1A* mutant cells but not WT as assessed by IVIS imaging. Significantly longer survival was observed with AZD6738 treatment compared to vehicle irrespective of the *PPP2R1A* genotype of the xenotransplanted cells.

The primary focus of the work described within this thesis is the identification of prognostic biomarkers for ATRi response in ARID1A mutant OCCC, thereby helping to rationalise the future use of this class of drug. In proposing *PPP2R1A* mutations as such a biomarker, one must be mindful of the magnitude of benefit observed. Although the difference between tumour growth in the AZD6738 and vehicle treated arms for the *PPP2R1A* p.R183P and p.R183W models reached statistical significance, it should be noted that all xenografted tumours continued to progress despite treatment with ATRi. However, a relatively low dose of

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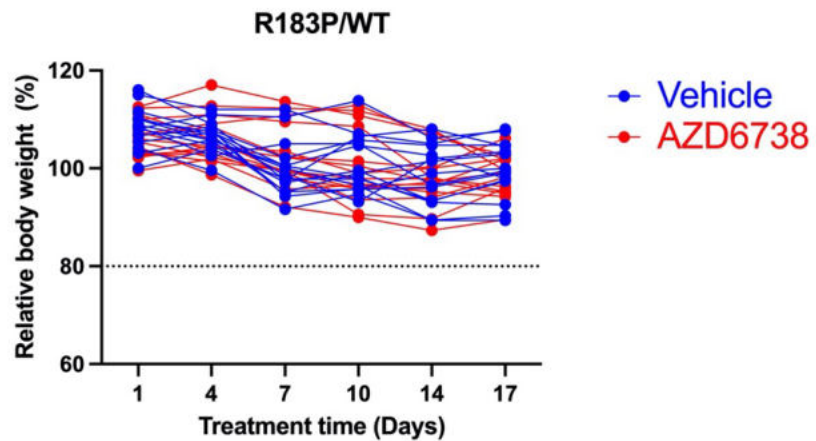


Figure 6.8 Low dose ATRi treatment had minimal effects on animal body weight. Body weight of each animal expressed relative to body weight at time of IP injection of tumour cells. One animal in the vehicle treated TOV21G PPP2R1A p.R183W group (B) culled due to >20% weight loss.

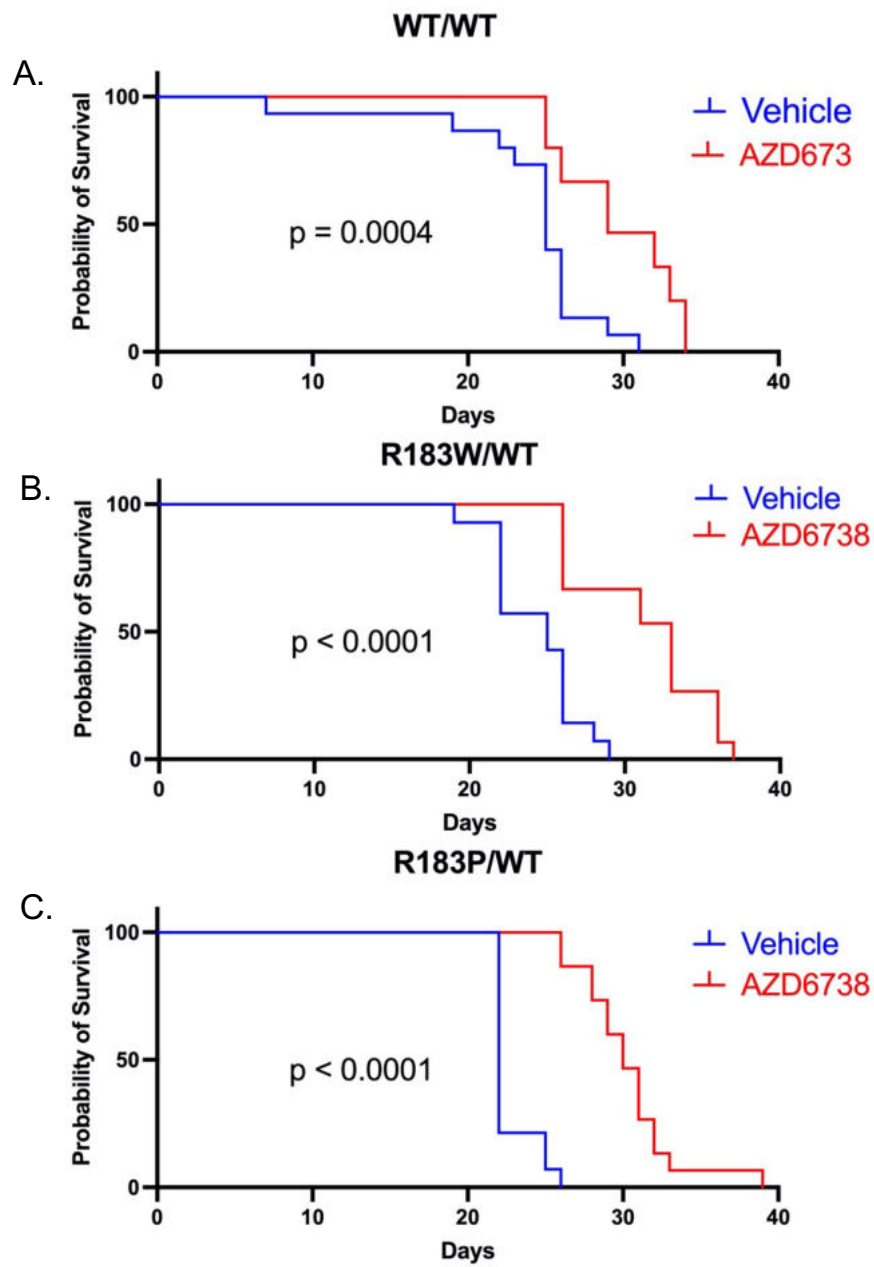


Figure 6.9 Treatment with AZD6738 results significantly improves survival irrespective of PPP2R1A genotype. Kaplan-Meier curves for mice inoculated with TOV21G PPP2R1A WT (A), p.R183W (B) or p.R183P(C) cells. Significance determined via Mantel-Cox test.

AZD6738 was used in this study compared to those published in the literature. This dose level was selected to increase the likelihood of observing synthetic lethality between PPP2R1A and ATR in the context of an *ARID1A* mutant background. Furthermore, the observed response to ATRi in the *PPP2R1A* mutant models was comparable to that reported in the publications which first identified ATR/ARID1A synthetic lethality (Williamson, Miller et al. 2016) and reported the therapeutic potential of dasatinib in ARID1A-deficient OCCC (Miller, Brough et al. 2016) both of which involved the xenotransplantation of unmodified TOV21G cells. The apparent low magnitude of benefit observed with drug treatment across all three *in vivo* studies perhaps reflects the aggressive nature of the TOV21G orthotopic xenograft model.

In keeping with previous literature (Baert, Verschuere et al. 2015), the development of ascites in this *in vivo* experiment rendered the assessment of tumour burden via IVIS imaging unreliable beyond 17 days of treatment. One unexpected observation from the *in vivo* study described in this chapter was the significantly improved survival of the mice inoculated with TOV21G *PPP2R1A* WT cells with AZD6738 compared to vehicle despite no significant reduction in tumour growth as assessed by IVIS imaging. It should be remembered that some of the criteria for culling, such as poor body condition and abdominal distension, are somewhat subjective, raising the prospect that the survival analysis will be confounded by inter-animal variability. Furthermore, survival assessments in orthotopic xenograft models involving Intraperitoneal injection of tumour cells has been shown to be heavily impacted by the development of ascites, which was a

relatively stochastic event in the *in vivo* study presented in this chapter. *Baert et al* reported that, in the context of a mouse model of serous ovarian cancer involving the intraperitoneal injection of ID8 cells, intermittent abdominal paracentesis not only increased luminescence readings, but also led to significantly extended survival (Baert, Verschuere et al. 2015). Abdominal paracentesis was not performed as part of the *in vivo* study presented in this chapter. Given that abdominal distention acted as predefined criterion for culling animals, variability in the development of ascites between animals could also have confounded survival analysis. Due to the potential issues with the survival analysis as outlined, assessment of tumour burden via IVIS imaging was selected as the main end point for assessing the impact of *PPP2R1A* mutations on the ATRi response.

Data presented in this chapter suggests that the observation of the synthetic lethal interaction between *PPP2R1A* and ATR is not limited to *in vitro* settings but can also be seen in *in vivo* model systems. Potential future work could explore whether pharmacological inhibition of WNK1 could rescue the ATRi sensitivity of *PPP2R1A* mutant cells *in vivo*. WNK-IN-11 is an allosteric inhibitor reported to possess high levels of specificity for WNK1 compared to other WNK family proteins (Yamada, Levell et al. 2017) and could be utilised to this end in a future *in vivo* approach.

Chapter 7. Overall discussion

7.1 Summary of work

OCCC represents a great unmet need in the treatment landscape of ovarian cancer. The relative rarity of OCCC and its unique molecular features compared to HGSOC, together with an inherent resistance to standard cytotoxic chemotherapy and a lack of approved targeted agents, all lead to the outcomes for women diagnosed with advanced OCCC being significantly worse than for women diagnosed with other EOC subtypes. The identification of a novel synthetic lethal interaction between ARID1A and ATR (Williamson, Miller et al. 2016) offers a promising therapeutic approach for women diagnosed with OCCC given that LOF *ARID1A* mutations are observed in approximately 50% of cases. The activity of ATRi is currently being assessed in the phase II, proof-of-concept trial ATARI (NCT04065269) (Banerjee, Stewart et al. 2021) with the results eagerly awaited.

In order to understand what, in addition to ARID1A status, might determine responses to ATRi in OCCC, my work in this area was initiated by a genome-wide CRISPRn ATRi chemosensitisation screen in an *ARID1A* mutant OCCC cell line (Chapter 3). Although other CRISPR-Cas9 screens for ATRi sensitivity/resistance have been carried out (Ruiz, Mayor-Ruiz et al. 2016, Hustedt, Alvarez-Quilon et al. 2019), none have been in *ARID1A* mutant OCCC tumour cells. The *ARID1A* mutant/OCCC context of my screen seemed an important feature of my work, given that the variable penetrance of synthetic

lethal interactions in cancer can in part be explained by cell type specific variations in gene regulatory and signalling networks, many of which likely be controlled by the presence or absence of particular cancer driver genes (Ryan, Bajrami et al. 2018). Cross referencing the data generated from my own screens with similar CRISPR screens published in the literature, I identified genes previously implicated in both ATRi resistance, namely CDK2 (Ruiz, Mayor-Ruiz et al. 2016), and sensitivity, including *POLE3* and *POLE4* (Hustedt, Alvarez-Quilon et al. 2019), indicating that the screen functioned as intended. Genes encoding several PP2A subunits, including *PPP2R2A* and *PPP2CA*, were identified as ATRi response genes. In order to ensure that this effect was not private to the TOV21G cell line, and before genes were taken forward for further interrogation, data generated from four independent genome-wide CRISPRn and CRISPRi screens, performed with the ATRi VX970 and AZD6738, in the molecularly distinct breast epithelial cell line MCF10A were examined (Chapter 3). Genes encoding multiple PP2A subunits were again identified, suggesting the synthetic lethal interaction between PP2A and ATR, although operating in the context of ARID1A mutant OCCC, was also a more generalisable effect, operating as it did in a variety of molecular settings.

The existence of a synthetic lethal interaction between ATR and PP2A was supported by two reports published during the course of this project. Qiu *et al* used an orthogonal shRNA screening approach in pre-clinical models of non-small cell lung cancer, finding the silencing of several genes encoding PP2A subunits resulted in ATR and CHK1 inhibitor sensitivity (Qiu, Fa et al. 2020).

Mechanistically this phenotype was attributed to elevated MYC expression an established cause of replication stress and ATRi sensitivity (Dominguez-Sola, Ying et al. 2007, Qiu, Fa et al. 2020). In another report CRISPR mutagenesis of *FAM122A* resulted in PP2A activation, which in turn leads to increased WEE1 phosphorylation, thereby protecting it from proteasomal degradation (Li, Kozono et al. 2020). Elevated total WEE1 was associated with reduced replication stress and resistance to CHK1i (Li, Kozono et al. 2020). Conversely, and consistent with the screen data presented in Chapter 3, reduced PP2A function would be assumed to be associated with reduced WEE1 levels, increased replication stress and, ATRi sensitivity (Li, Kozono et al. 2020).

I was led to focus on this complex due to the data generated from the genome wide screens summarised in Chapter 3, together with the published literature regarding a potential synthetic lethal interaction between PP2A and ATR (Li, Kozono et al. 2020, Qiu, Fa et al. 2020) and the previous reports that heterozygous *PPP2R1A* mutations are a relatively common observation in OCCC (Jones, Wang et al. 2010, Shih le, Panuganti et al. 2011, Kim, Lee et al. 2018). In the context of OCCC, *PPP2R1A* mutations cluster around residue R183 (Jones, Wang et al. 2010), leading to amino acid substitutions where the scaffolding subunit interfaces with the regulatory subunit, suggesting they may function as driver mutations. Taylor *et al* demonstrated that when p.R183 mutant *PPP2R1A* was expressed from a lentiviral vector it resulted in reduced incorporation of the regulatory (*PPP2R2A*) and catalytic (*PPP2CA*) subunits and reduced PP2A phosphatase activity (Taylor, O'Connor et al. 2019). Given that CRISPR

mutagenesis or interference of both *PPP2R2A* and *PPP2CA* was associated with increased ATRi sensitivity I hypothesised that the introduction of heterozygous *PPP2R1A* missense mutations would have a similar ATRi sensitive phenotype. If the observed increase in ATRi sensitivity is specific to these mutations, or indeed if complete loss of *PPP2R1A* is lethal, this effect would not be observed in the CRISPRn screen.

At this juncture, it is worth noting the potential relevance of the PP2A-synthetic lethal interaction in the wider cancer context. Whilst the scope of this project is limited to OCCC the identification of multiple PP2A subunits from the genome-wide CRISPRn/i is pertinent to other tumour types. *PPP2R1A* missense mutations that would be expected to impact PP2A complex stoichiometry have been observed across endometrial cancer subtypes, with a prevalence of 35-39% in serous endometrial cancer (Zehir, Benayed et al. 2017, ICGC/TCGA 2020), 17-30% in endometrial carcinosarcoma (Zehir, Benayed et al. 2017, ICGC/TCGA 2020), 21% in endometrial clear cell carcinoma (ICGC/TCGA 2020) and 10-13% of endometrioid endometrial cancer (Zehir, Benayed et al. 2017, ICGC/TCGA 2020). Beyond gynaecological cancers, deleterious *PPP2R1A* missense mutations suspected to disrupt PP2A assembly and function are observed in approximately 3% of colorectal cancer cases (ICGC/TCGA 2020). Deletions in *PPP2R2A* have been observed at high frequencies in non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC) (17%), colorectal cancer (12%), bladder cancer (17%), serous ovarian cancer (11%) and breast cancer (11%) (ICGC/TCGA 2020). Additionally, *PPP2R2A* loss of heterozygosity has been reported to result in

reduced expression of the corresponding protein in 60% of prostate cancers, 46% of ovarian cancers, and 43% of lung adenocarcinomas (Kalev, Simicek et al. 2012). Finally, deletions impacting *PPP2CA* are observed in both oesophagogastric cancer (4%) and lung cancer (2%) (ICGC/TCGA 2020). Thus, the therapeutic potential of the PP2A-ATR synthetic lethal interaction may be relevant to a far wider range of cancers than those within this thesis.

It should also be noted the co-occurrence of truncating loss of function *ARID1A* mutations and *PPP2R1A* missense mutations is not limited solely to OCCC being also seen in endometrial CCC. Although *PPP2R1A* is found in a higher proportion of serous endometrial cancer compared to the most common endometrioid subtype, the co-occurrence of *ARID1A* and *PPP2R1A* does occur in the later (ICGC/TCGA 2020). Given that approximately 90% of endometrial cancer cases are of the endometrioid subtype, this could greatly increase the number of patients for which the data presented in this thesis is pertinent to. The co-occurrence of *PPP2R1A* and *ARID1A* mutations is also observed at a much lower frequency of advanced colorectal cancer cases (Yaeger, Chatila et al. 2018). *ARID1A* and *PPP2R1A* encode components of multi-subunit complexes, namely cBAF and PPP2R1A respectively. In bladder cancer, truncating mutations in *ARID1A* are observed in 19% of cases with 5% of these also displaying deletions in *PPP2R2A* (ICGC/TCGA 2020). *SMARCA4* encodes the ATPase subunit of the cBAF, PBAF and ncBAF complexes (Chabanon, Morel et al. 2020). Mutations predicted to have a deleterious effect on *SMARCA4* function have been observed in 4% of non-small lung cancer cases, with 4 % of these also carrying a deletion in

PPP2R2A (Campbell, Alexandrov et al. 2016). The work contained in this thesis may therefore be relevant to a wider number of tumour types and be worthy of further exploration in subsequent work.

Given the relatively low patient numbers included in the case series which previously reported the prevalence of *PPP2R1A* mutations in OCCC, and in order to establish the rate at which they co-occur with *ARID1A* mutations in this tumour type, in Chapter 4, I performed *PPP2R1A* genotyping on an independent cohort of OCCC patients, the *ARID1A* mutation status of which was already established (Khalique, Nash et al. 2021). This analysis revealed a higher prevalence (52%) than previously reported and importantly, these mutations were often observed in cases which also harboured an *ARID1A* mutation. The explanation for the higher *PPP2R1A* mutation rate amongst the cohort described in Chapter 4 compared to those from previously published case series (7-20%) (Jones, Wang et al. 2010, Shih le, Panuganti et al. 2011, Kim, Lee et al. 2018) is not entirely clear. This discrepancy may simply reflect the expected variations between case series involving low numbers of patients. However, potential explanations include differences in the genetic background of the patients included and the rates of endometriosis. Indeed, two groups have employed whole exome sequencing of endometriotic lesions to assess the prevalence of cancer-associated mutations even when no malignancy is present (Anglesio, Papadopoulos et al. 2017, Zou, Zhou et al. 2018). In both studies heterozygous *PPP2R1A* missense mutations were detected in invasive endometriotic lesions which were not present in the adjacent tissue (Anglesio, Papadopoulos et al. 2017, Zou, Zhou et al. 2018).

Determining whether *PPP2R1A* mutations are more commonly observed in cases of OCCC arising from endometriosis would require both a larger patient cohort as well as a detailed history of any endometriosis.

The first reported use of CRISPR prime gene editing as a means to introduce precise DNA sequence changes without the need to produce DSBs or provide a donor DNA template was made during the course of this project (Anzalone, Randolph et al. 2019). This afforded me the opportunity to impose heterozygous *PPP2R1A* missense mutations on an *ARID1A* mutant OCCC model, TOV21G. As far as I am aware, this is the first instance in which recurrent *PPP2R1A* missense mutations have been modelled by altering the coding sequence of the endogenous gene. The advantage of this approach is that expression of the mutated gene, in this case *PPP2R1A*, remains under the control of its endogenous promoter, thereby ensuring physiological levels of expression. In contrast, the studies which described the impact of *PPP2R1A* missense mutations on PP2A complex stoichiometry and function (Taylor, O'Connor et al. 2019) and drug (RNKi, MEKi) (O'Connor, Leonard et al. 2020, O'Connor, Taylor et al. 2022) have placed the expression of either WT or mutant *PPP2R1A* under the control of the CMV promoter, an approach which does not guarantee a biologically relevant level of transcription.

Whilst CRISPR prime gene editing remains an enormously powerful tool for modelling the cancer phenotype, the efficiency with which the desired sequence change can be introduced acts a significant barrier to its use. 0.5% of the screen

clones carried a *PPP2R1A* p.R183P mutation and this figure dropped to 0.25% for the p.R183W model. This low editing efficiency acted as a barrier to the number of models that could be generated using this approach. In contrast, Anzalone *et al* report an editing efficiency of 11 - 39% across all types of point mutations at six distinct genomic sites (Anzalone, Randolph et al. 2019). However, HEK-293 cells, an immortalised embryonic kidney epithelial cell line, were utilised in the study which first reported on the use and efficient of CRISPR prime gene editing (Anzalone, Randolph et al. 2019). HEK-293 cells are widely used throughout cell biology due to the high transfection efficiency associated with their use by a variety of techniques (Thomas and Smart 2005, Cheng, Mitchell et al. 2015). It is perhaps unsurprising that a lower editing efficiency is observed in different cell line models, given that three individual plasmids need to be transfected in order to deliver all the components of the CRISPR prime machinery. A more recent iteration of the CRISPR prime editing system entailed the co-transfection of a dominant negative MutL protein homolog 1 (MLH1) which reduced the cell's inherent ability to perform DNA mismatch repair, increasing the editing efficiency up to 7.7 fold compared to previous versions of the technology (Chen, Hussmann et al. 2021). This updated system could be employed in future work to model the *PPP2R1A* mutations in a more diverse set of genetic backgrounds, including *ARID1A* WT settings, in order to assess their impact on various aspects of the cancer phenotype.

Using the approach described above, a *PPP2R1A* isogenic model of the *ARID1A*-mutant OCCC cell line TOV21G was created. Two daughter clones harbouring

either a *PPP2R1A* p.R183P or p.R183W mutations demonstrated increased sensitivity to AZD6738 *in vitro* when compared to their WT counterpart. The ATRi-sensitive phenotype of the *PPP2R1A* mutant TOV21G models was recapitulated *in vivo* as described in Chapter 6. No formal assessment for off-target editing was made or was practicable due to the potential for it to occur throughout the entire genome. However, the observation that two independent pegRNAs designed to introduce different amino acid substitutions resulted in the ATRi sensitive phenotype, increases confidence that it is not a result of some off target effect. Rescue of the ATRi sensitive phenotype by selectively inactivating the mutant allele, for example using CRISPR-mediated mutagenesis, would provide an experiment approach to further increase confidence that the phenotype is indeed a consequence of the introduction of the *PPP2R1A* mutations.

In this model system, the synthetic lethal interaction between ATR and *PPP2R1A* in *ARID1A* mutant cells was characterised by a decrease in cells replicating S phase of the cell cycle, an increase in cells entering mitosis with sub-4n genomic content, and the accumulation of 53BP1 bodies. Neither elevated Myc levels nor reduced WEE1 levels could provide a trivial explanation for the ATRi sensitive phenotype. Mechanistically, this synthetic lethal effect and the cell cycle effects of ATRi appear to be dependent upon the kinase WNK1, which was implicated in this synthetic lethal interaction via the integration of data generated from a siRNA screen and phosphoproteomic profiling, and itself exhibits increased phosphorylation in *PPP2R1A* mutant OCC cells. Depletion WNK1 rescued ATRi sensitivity in *PPP2R1A* p.R183 mutant cells but not WT cells. Indeed, silencing

of WNK1 restored the replicating S phase population normally depleted by ATRi, implying that it is the main cause of the ATR-PPP2R1A synthetic lethal interaction. Exposure to ATRi can reduce the S population via the unscheduled firing of dormant origins of replication (Moiseeva, Hood et al. 2017, Moiseeva, Yin et al. 2019) with the ensuing depletion of cellular pools of nucleotides (Le, Poddar et al. 2017, Koppenhafer, Goss et al. 2020) and RPA (Toledo, Altmeyer et al. 2013, Yin, Lee et al. 2021) together with replication fork collapse (Saldivar, Cortez et al. 2017). The precise mechanism through which *PPP2R1A* missense mutations exacerbate the ATRi-induced reduction in the replicating S phase population remains to be established but could result from increased RPA2 phosphorylation (Wang, Zhu et al. 2018) and disruption of the replisome composition (Perl, O'Connor et al. 2019).

Data presented in Chapter 5 proposes that the synthetic lethal interaction between *PPP2R1A* and ATR is dependent on WNK1. Increased WNK1 phosphorylation in *PPP2R1A* mutant cells following ATR inhibition is assumed to result in its activation given the increase in phosphorylation of its target residue on OSR1. Depletion of WNK1 in *PPP2R1A* mutant cells restores the replicating S phase population in response to ATR inhibition and rescues the ATRi sensitive phenotype in these model systems. To date, the function of WNK1 has been most extensively explored in the context of the cell's response to hyperosmolar stress and in cases of familial hypertension (Wilson, Disse-Nicodeme et al. 2001, Vitari, Thastrup et al. 2006, Susa, Sohara et al. 2014). WNK1 has hitherto not been linked to ATR signalling, the response to ATRi or DNA replication. Data presented

in this thesis does not provide a mechanistic explanation as to how increased WNK1 activity mediates the ATRi response. Further phosphoproteomic profiling and cross referencing of this data with existing CRISRP data may identify the WNK1 substrate responsible for this phenotype. Alternatively, a hypothesis driven approach could be adopted to address whether WNK1 gene silencing reverses the aforementioned mechanisms through which ATRi cause a reduction in the replicating S phase population, namely suppression of non-dominant origins or replication, maintaining cellular pools of nucleotide and RPA and stabilizing replication forks,

7.2 Future directions

The work presented in this thesis suggests that the presence of *PPP2R1A* missense mutations enhances ATRi sensitivity in OCCC tumour cell line models with pre-existing *ARID1A* mutations. I therefore hypothesize that the co-occurrence of these two cancer driver mutations may be a better predictor of ATRi sensitivity than the presence of either mutation alone. Clinical samples provided through the ATARI trial and outcome data, once available, will provide the means to address this hypothesis.

Pre-treatment tissue samples, either archival samples or fresh biopsies where this is not available, have been collected for all patients undergoing screening to enter ATARI. Whole exome sequencing of tumour genomic DNA from these samples will provide an orthogonal route to determine the prevalence of

PPP2R1A missense mutations and their relationship with *ARID1A* mutations in OCCC but also in a range of other gynaecological malignancies recruited to cohort 3. Correlation of sequencing data with clinical outcome data may allow us to determine whether the ATR-*PPP2R1A* synthetic lethal interaction observed *in vitro* and *in vivo* also results in improved clinical outcomes in patients.

It is my hope that this work will be able to refine the ATRi response biomarker to improve how this class of drug is used in the future treatment of OCCC and other *PPP2R1A* mutant cancers. For instance, the ATARI protocol could be amended so that only patients with ovarian or endometrial clear cell carcinoma with loss of *ARID1A* expression and harbouring a *PPP2R1A* missense mutation would receive AZD6738 monotherapy, with the remaining patients being treated with the AZD6738/olaparib combination. An alternative approach would be to design a basket study for patients with cancers carrying both *ARID1A* mutations together with a *PPP2R1A* missense mutation, which could be expanded to include patients with cancers carrying defects in genes encoding both PP2A and PBAF subunits.

Cross referencing whole exome sequenced data from these pre-treatment specimens with CRISPR screen data generated as part of this thesis and published in the literature and clinical outcome data, affords the opportunity to identify novel genetic determinants of ATRi sensitivity and resistance. The availability of post-progression tissue biopsies arising through ATARI is limited due to a combination of patient preference, anatomical location of metastatic

OCCC largely in the peritoneal cavity and the aggressive nature of the disease. Liquid biopsies, i.e. the sampling of analytes from bodily fluids, most commonly blood, has enabled the longitudinal sampling treatment where serial tissue samples are not available (Pantel and Alix-Panabieres 2010, Kilgour, Rothwell et al. 2020). Next generation sequencing of circulating tumour DNA (ctDNA) has enabled the detection of *EGFR* mutations in cases of non-small cell lung cancers, which predict resistance to the tyrosine kinase inhibitors, gefitinib and osimertinib (Yu, Arcila et al. 2013) and *KRAS* mutations in colorectal cancer which predict resistance of EGFR-directed monoclonal antibodies (Yu, Xiao et al. 2013). A capture sequencing panel encompassing known and putative genetic determinants of ATRi resistance and sensitivity has been generated using CRISPR screen data produced during the course of this project and more widely by the Lord laboratory and published in the literature (Ruiz, Mayor-Ruiz et al. 2016, Hustedt, Alvarez-Quilon et al. 2019), Sequencing of ctDNA from serial on-treatment and post-progression plasma samples collected from patients enrolled in ATARI using this panel will provide another means to identify clinically meaningful biomarkers for ATRi resistance.

7.3 Final conclusions

At the time of completing this thesis, there remain no approved OCCC-specific targeted treatments. The results of ATARI will help guide whether ATRi have utility in the treatment landscape of OCCC, perhaps including *PPP2R1A* mutational status as a guide to patient selection. The results of several trials of

ICB are eagerly awaited whilst the full range of *ARID1A* synthetic lethal interactions have yet to be assessed in the context of clinical trials. Going forward, the challenge will not only be to assess which of these treatments demonstrate the greatest activity, but also how they should be sequenced to maximize patient benefit. It is entirely possible that a combination of these experimental strategies is needed. For instance, there is already rationale for augmenting the anti-tumour activity of ICB through combination with ATR inhibition (Sun, Yang et al. 2018, Dillon, Bergerhoff et al. 2019) and anti-angiogenic therapy (Allen, Jabouille et al. 2017), two therapies with potential in OCCC. Perhaps the greatest challenge will be the assessment of multiple potential therapies in a rare tumour type at a rate that can quickly improve outcomes for these patients. This may demand a rethink of the way in which clinical trials are designed. Rather than sequential trials, multi-arm modular clinical trials in which the activity of experimental therapies are assessed in parallel, allowing for the early termination of those drugs which display limited activity and the addition of novel treatments and combinations as they arise, may provide a means for more rapid drug development.

The success of any such novel therapy will rely on the identification of robust biomarkers to predict patients most likely to respond. In essence, the aim of this project was to pro-actively identify potential biomarkers for response to ATRi using CRISPR-Cas9, that could inform how ATARI will be interpreted. The advent of CRISPR-Cas9 technology has revolutionised our ability to model the cancer phenotype (Stewart, Banerjee et al. 2020) including drug sensitivity and resistance. However, it should be noted that know large sgRNA libraries are used,

we are in effect modelling the effect of one genetic alteration at a time. This oversimplifies the situation in cancer cells, where numerous driver and passenger mutations cooperate to promote cancer progression. The development of Cas12a, a modified Cas9 endonuclease with intrinsic RNA process abilities that facilitates simultaneous mutagenesis of multiple genes within the same cell from a single RNA transcript (Gier, Budinich et al. 2020), goes some way to address this shortcoming.

Finally, it is worth speculating on what the overarching challenges in the clinical development of ATRi might be. In general terms, novel personalised cancer treatments tend to have several “ideal” features. Firstly, these treatments should be able to elicit significant and sustained anti-tumour responses and a survival benefit, using dosing regimens that leave normal tissues relatively unaffected, i.e. they should possess a large therapeutic window. Secondly, these novel treatments should demonstrate a tolerable side effect profile so as to not have a detrimental impact on a patient’s quality of life. Thirdly, a biomarker or biomarkers should exist to distinguish patients most likely to benefit from those who will not. Even in phase I studies, ATRi were shown to elicit significant and sustained anti-tumour responses in isolated patients without delivering dose-limiting toxicity (Dillon, Guevara et al. 2019, Yap, O’Carrigan et al. 2020). Based on this promising phase I trial data, a plethora of phase II clinical trials have been initiated, despite the lack of robust predictive biomarkers for ATRi responses. What are the underlying reasons for the lack of such biomarkers? One simple explanation is that these phase II trials, including ATARI, are ongoing and data made

available through them may shed some light on the biomarkers needed to rationalise the use of ATRi in the future. However, it is also worth considering that the identification of ATRi predictive biomarkers may be more complex than, for example, the clinical PARPi that have been approved for use. This remains a possibility. For example, the burden of both pre-clinical and clinical data for the use of PARPi suggests that there is a singular driver for profound sensitivity, namely a defect in HR. This relatively stereotypic nature of PARPi sensitivity mechanisms has meant that explaining clinical responses to these agents, and thus the identification of predictive biomarkers, has been relatively simple. In comparison, a number of different drivers of ATRi sensitivity have been proposed including elevated replication stress caused by oncogene activation (e.g. Myc (Cottini, Hideshima et al. 2015), Cyclin E (Guerrero Llobet, van der Vegt et al. 2020, Xu, George et al. 2021)) defects in the composition of SWI/SNF complexes (e.g. ARID1A (Williamson, Miller et al. 2016), SMARCA4 (Kurashima, Kashiwagi et al. 2020)) or the increase in replication fork stress caused by the higher burden of transcription/replication conflicts (TRCs) in tumour cells (Hamperl, Bocek et al. 2017). Although each of these factors might drive a greater reliance upon ATR (and thus ATRi sensitivity) by causing some form of replication fork stress, these do so via different molecular routes. As such, the drivers of ATRi sensitivity, might be more varied than for drug classes such as PARPi.

The relative heterogeneity in drivers of ATRi sensitivity described above might in turn mean that ascribing anti-tumour responses in clinical trials to one particular driver difficult, especially when multiple driver events might be at play in any given

patient cohort. If such a scenario turns out to be the case, this might argue for the development of biomarkers that measure some form of cellular functionality. Indeed, determining cancers with high levels of replications stress whether this is caused by *ARID1A* mutations, elevated Cyclin E or other drivers, such as TRCs, as opposed to the development of a genomic biomarker, e.g. *ARID1A* or *PPP2R1A* mutation, may help to better identify patients most likely to benefit from ATRi.

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Chapter 9. Appendix

9.1 TOV21G PPP2R1A WT/WT DE scores from siRNA screen

Gene Name	DE_Zscore	Gene Name	DE_Zscore	Gene Name	DE_Zscore
AAK1	-1.0928616	JAK3	-0.1445779	RPS6KA6	1.30875403
AATK	0.8374957	KCNH2	0.32919919	RPS6KB1	-0.067259
ABL1	0.58501423	KCNH8	0.46709739	RPS6KB2	-1.6526832
ABL2	0.45092069	KDR	-0.7764106	RPS6KC1	-0.4615545
ACVR1	1.07545884	KHK	-1.7145777	RPS6KL1	-0.3330305
ACVR1B	-2.0905429	KIAA1804	-0.969461	RRM2B	-0.573342
ACVR1C	0.70006893	KIT	0.15297268	RYK	0.59044701
ACVR2A	-0.2753942	KLF6	0.01882933	SBDS	0.16961653
ACVR2B	-1.5420408	KSR1	0.24106383	SBK1	-0.1945456
ACVRL1	0.42866039	KSR2	2.0253637	SCYL1	0.80030282
ADCK1	-0.0572791	LATS1	-0.0273667	SCYL3	1.55701962
ADCK2	-2.1166076	LATS2	-1.3061229	SDHB	1.05669883
ADCK4	1.46939823	LCK	0.12868475	SDHC	1.004977
ADCK5	1.08307158	LIG1	-0.3558221	SDHD	0.18480514
ADK	0.62460158	LIG3	-0.2839735	SETMAR	-0.4280142
ADPGK	-0.727684	LIG4	0.30526249	SGK1	-1.2414369
ADRBK1	0.27803953	LIMK1	0.70954401	SGK2	-1.6768132
ADRBK2	-0.081522	LIMK2	-2.2903212	SGK223	0.35103786
AGK	0.60935094	LMBR1	-1.0118881	SGK3	1.51897435
AK1	-0.4197581	LMTK2	-0.2370184	SGK494	-0.7709586
AK2	-0.0488168	LMTK3	-0.3466471	SHFM1	0.01022411
AK3	0.39066008	LRRK1	1.49353533	SHPK	-2.1659947
AK4	-0.4942048	LRRK2	0.49000142	SIK1	-0.4261036
AK5	0.8186716	LTK	1.66036966	SIK2	0.56477567
AK7	0.16086674	LYN	1.35474533	SIK3	0.19787383
AKT1	-1.1830306	MAD2L2	-0.4423444	SKAP1	-1.2636616
AKT2	-1.1162545	MAGI1	-0.5452329	SLK	0.73044328
AKT3	-0.4442703	MAGI2	1.11267439	SLX1A	-0.2138461
ALDH18A1	2.27899884	MAGI3	5.10547374	SLX4	0.31683632
ALK	-1.2832971	MAK	1.08818328	SMAD4	0.06128923
ALKBH2	0.31385162	MAP2K1	-0.911992	SMARCB1	-0.2101376
ALKBH3	-0.2283818	MAP2K2	-0.025858	SMG1	-0.1311935
ALPK1	0.31985348	MAP2K3	-2.0712455	SMUG1	0.14991906
ALPK2	0.94802938	MAP2K4	0.32679293	SNRK	0.30167625
ALPK3	-0.042661	MAP2K4	1.0678558	SOCS1	-0.5467374
AMER1	1.28036653	MAP2K5	-0.9930403	SPEG	-0.0980675
AMHR2	0.91738965	MAP2K6	0.04241699	SPHK1	0.95953468
ANKK1	-1.0093449	MAP2K7	-0.392829	SPHK2	0.86208618
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APEX2	-0.1307553	MAP3K11	1.8855249	SRMS	-0.0946261
APTX	-0.128423	MAP3K12	1.32589602	SRP72	-0.1183902
ARAF	-0.0686547	MAP3K13	-0.5353868	SRPK1	0.49516516
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9.2 TOV21G PPP2R1A R183P/WT DE scores from siRNA screen

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