

Supporting Information

Multiple gene regulation for enhanced antitumor efficacy with branch-PCR assembled TP53 and MYC gene nanovector

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Table S1 Primer sequences of constructed P-TP53-shMYC plasmids

| Name | Sequence (5'-3') |
|------------|---|
| F-TP53 | GGCGGGTGTGGTGGTTACCGCGCAGC |
| R-TP53 | GCGCTTAATGCGCCGCTACAGGGCG |
| F-MYC-TP53 | <u>CGCCCTGTAGCGCGCATTAAGCGCGAGGGCCTATTCCCATGAT</u> |
| R-MYC-TP53 | <u>GCTGCGCGTAACCACCAACCCGCCCTCGAGAAAAAAGGAAACGA</u> |

Table S2 Primer sequences of L-TP53

| Name | Sequence (5'-3') |
|----------|---|
| L-TP53-F | CCTCCAAGATGGCCCGATA AGCTACAACAAGGCAAGGCT |
| L-TP53-R | CCTCCTTCCCTGTCCAAA AGGAAAGGACAGTGGGAGTG |

Table S3 Primer sequences of L-shMYC

| Name | Sequence (5'-3') |
|---------|--|
| L-MYC-F | CCTCCAAGATGGCCCGATA GAGGGCCTATTCCCATGAT |
| L-MYC-R | CCTCCTTCCCTGTCCAAA CTCGAGAAAAAAGGAAACGA |

Table S4 Primer sequences of L-TP53-shMYC

| Name | Sequence (5'-3') |
|--------------|---|
| L-TP53-MYC-F | CCTCCAAGATGGCCCGATA AGCTACAACAAGGCAAGGCT |
| L-TP53-MYC-R | CCTCCTTCCCTGTCCAAA CTCGAGAAAAAAGGAAACGA |

Table S5 DNA sequence of L-TP53-shMYC cassette

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|------|------------------------|--|------------------------|
| 1 | CCTCCAAGA TGGCCCGATA | <u>AGCTACAACA AGGCAAGGCT</u> | TGACCGACAA TTGCATGAAG |
| 61 | AATCTGCTTA GGGTTAGGCG | TTTTGCGCTG CTCGCGATG | TACGGGCCAG ATATACGCGT |
| 121 | TGACATTGAT TATTGACTAG | TTATTAAATAG TAATCAATT | CGGGGTCTT AGTTCATAGC |
| 181 | CCATATATGG AGTTCCGCGT | TACATAACTT ACGGTAAATG | GCCCGCCTGG CTGACCGCCC |
| 241 | AACGACCCCC GCCCATTGAC | GTCATAATG ACGTATGTC | CCATAGTAAC GCCAATAGGG |
| 301 | ACTTTCCATT GACGTCAATG | GGTGGAGTAT TTACGGTAAA | CTGCCCAC TT GGCAGTACAT |
| 361 | CAAGTGTATC ATATGCCAAG | TACGCCCCCT ATTGACGTCA | ATGACGGTAA ATGGCCCGCC |
| 421 | TGGCATTATG CCCAGTACAT | GACCTTATGG GACTTTCTA | CTTGGCAGTA CATCTACGTA |
| 481 | TTAGTCATCG CTATTACCAT | GGTGATGCGG TTTTGGCAGT | ACATCAATGG GCGTGGATAG |
| 541 | CGGTTGACT CACGGGGATT | TCCAAGTCTC CACCCCATG | ACGTCAATGG GAGTTTGT |
| 601 | TGGCACCAAA ATCAACGGGA | CTTTCCAAAA TGTCGTAACA | ACTCCGCCCC ATTGACGCAA |
| 661 | ATGGGCGGTA GGCGTGTACG | GTGGGAGGTC TATATAAGCA | GAGCTCTCTG GCTAACTAGA |
| 721 | GAACCCACTG CTTACTGGCT | TATCGAAATT <u>AATACGACTC ACTATAGGG</u> | AACCCAAAGCT |
| 781 | TACCATGGCC TACCCCTACG | ACGTGCCGA CTACGCCCTC | CTCGGATCCG AGGAGCCGCA |
| 841 | GTCAGATCCT AGCGTCGAGC | CCCCTCTGAG TCAGGAAACA | TTTTCAGACC TATGGAAACT |
| 901 | ACTTCCCTGAA AACAACGTT | TGTCCCCCTT GCCGTCCTAA | GCAATGGATG ATTTGATGCT |
| 961 | GTCCCCGGAC GATATTGAAC | AATGGTTCAC TGAAGACCCA | GGTCCAGATG AAGCTCCAG |
| 1021 | AATGCCAGAG GCTGCTCCCC | CCGTGGCCCC TGACCCAGCA | GCTCCTACAC CGGGGGCCCC |
| 1081 | TGCACCCAGCC CCCTCCTGGC | CCCTGTTCATC TTCTGTCCCT | TCCCAGAAAA CCTACCAGGG |
| 1141 | CAGCTACGGT TTCCGTCTGG | GCTTCTTGCA TTCTGGGACA | GCCAAGTCTG TGACTTGCAC |
| 1201 | GTACTCCCCCT GCCCTCAACA | AGATGTTTG CCAACTGGCC | AAGACCTGCC CTGTGCAGCT |
| 1261 | GTGGGTTGAT TCCACACCCCC | CGCCCGGCAC CGCGTCCGC | GCCATGGCCA TCTACAAGCA |
| 1321 | GTCACAGCAC ATGACGGAGG | TTGTGAGGCG CTGCCCCCAC | CATGAGCGCT GCTCAGATAG |
| 1381 | CGATGGTCTG GCCCCTCCTC | AGCATCTTAT CCGAGTGGAA | GGAAATTGCG GTGTGGAGTA |
| 1441 | TTTGGATGAC AGAACACCTT | TTCGACATAG TGTGGTGGTG | CCCTATGAGC CGCCTGAGGT |
| 1501 | TGGCTCAGAC TGTACCACCA | TCCACTACAA CTACATGTGT | AACAGTTCC GCATGGGCGG |
| 1561 | CATGAACCGG AGGCCATCC | TCACCATCAT CACACTGGAA | GAUTCCAGTG GTAATCTACT |
| 1621 | GGGACGGAAC AGCTTGAGG | TGCGTGTGG TGCGCTGCT | GGGAGAGACC GGCGCACAGA |
| 1681 | GGAAAGAGAAT CTCCGCAAGA | AAGGGGAGCC TCACACAGAG | CTGCCCCAG GGAGCACTAA |
| 1741 | GCGAGCACTG CCCAACAAACA | CCAGCTCCTC TCCCCAGCCA | AAGAAGAAC CACTGGATGG |
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| 1861 | TGAGGCCCTTG GAACTCAAGG | ATGCCAGGC TGGAAGGAG | CCAGGGGGGA GCAGGGCTCA |
| 1921 | CTCCAGCCAC CTGAAGTCCA | AAAAGGGTCA GTCTACCTCC | CGCCATAAAA AACTCATGTT |
| 1981 | CAAGACAGAA GGGCCTGACT | CAGACTGAGA ATTCTGCAGA | TATCCATCAC ACTGGCGGCC |
| 2041 | GCTCGAGCAT GCATCTAGAG | GGCCCTATT TATAGTGTCA | CCTAAATGCT AGAGCTCGCT |
| 2101 | GATCAGCCTC GACTGTGCCT | TCTAGTTGCC AGCCATCTGT | TGTTTGGCCC TCCCCGTGC |
| 2161 | CTTCCTTGAC CCTGGAAGGT | GCCACTCCCA CTGCTCTT | CTAATAAAAT GAGGAAATTG |
| 2221 | CATCGCATTG TCTGAGTAGG | TGTCATTCTA TTCTGGGGGG | TGGGGTGGGG CAGGACAGCA |
| 2281 | AGGGGGAGGA TTGGGAAGAC | AATAGCAGGC ATGCTGGGG | TGCGGTGGGC TCTATGGCTT |
| 2341 | CTGAGGCCGA AAAAACCCAGC | TGGGGCTCTA GGGGGTATCC | CCACGCCCGCC TGTAGCGGCC |
| 2401 | CATTAAGCGC GAGGGCCTAT | TTCCCATGAT TCCTCATAT | TTGCATATAC GATACAAGGC |
| 2461 | TGTTAGAGAG ATAATTGGAA | TTAATTGAC TGTAAACACA | AAGATATTAG TACAAAATAC |

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| 2521 | GTGACGTAGA AAGTAATAAT TTCTTGGTA GTTTGCAGTT TTAAAATTAT GTTTTAAAT |
| 2581 | GGACTATCAT ATGCTTACCG TAACTTGAAA GTATTCGAT TTCTTGGCTT TATATATCTT |
| 2641 | GTGGAAAGGA CGAACACCCG CTTCACCAAC AGGAACATATG CGAACATAGT TCCTGTTGGT |
| 2701 | GAAGCCACAG TTCGGTAAGG GAGAGAGAAT GTCAAGAGGC GAACACGAAT GTTCGCCTCT |
| 2761 | TGACATTCTC CACAGTTCGG TAAGGGAGAG CTCATTCTG AAGAGGACTT CGAAAAGTCC |
| 2821 | TCTTCAGAAA TGAGCACAG TTCGGTAAGG GAGAGGAAAC GACGAGAAC A GTTGACGAAT |
| 2881 | CAACTGTTCT CGTCGTTCC TTTTTCTCG AGTTGGACA GGGAGAGGA GG |

Table S6 DNA sequences of F³ and R³ primers

| Name | Sequence(5'-3') |
|----------------|---------------------|
| F ³ | CCTCCAAGATGGCCCGATA |
| R ³ | CCTCCTCTCCCTGTCCAAA |

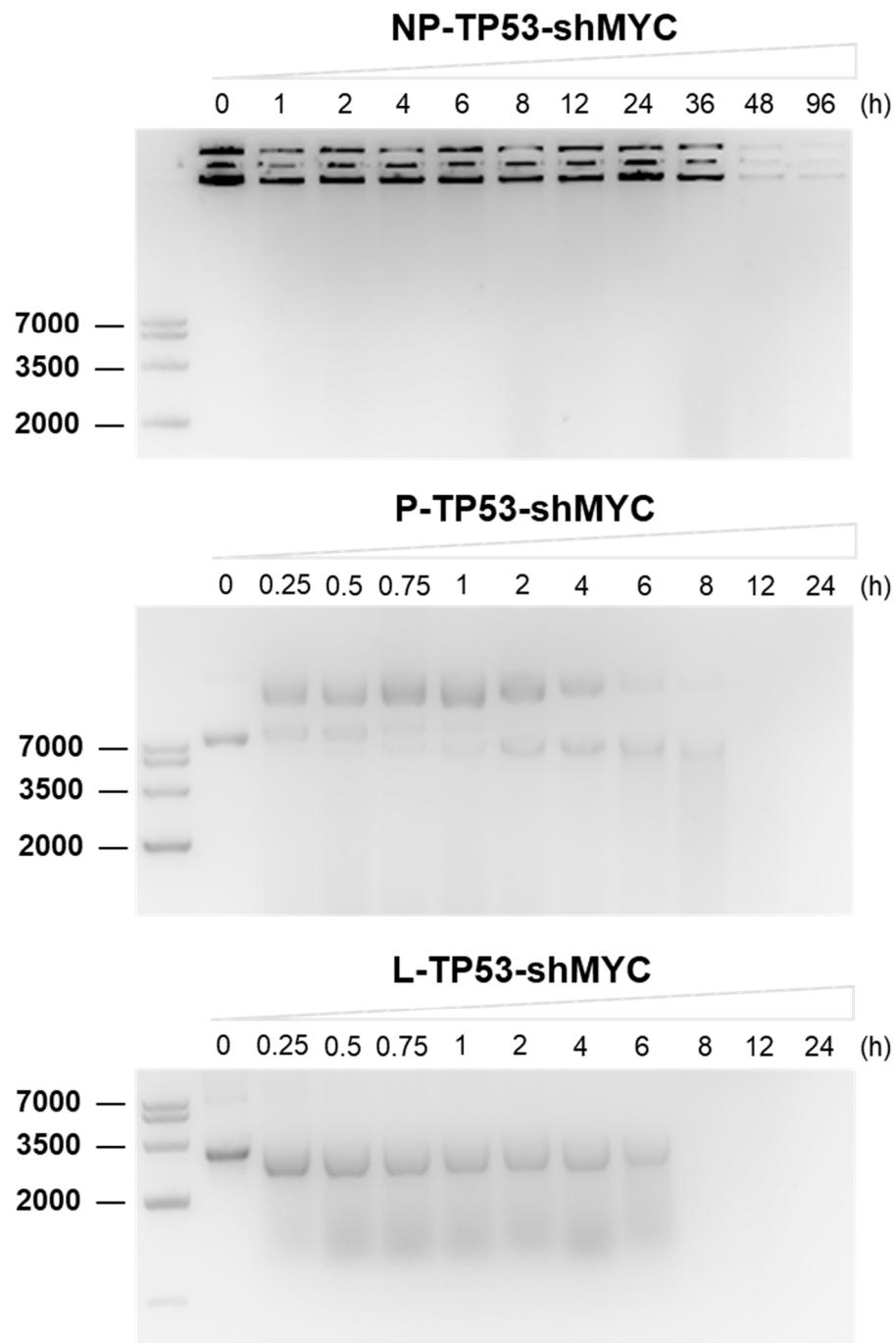


Figure S1. Serum stability assay. 5 μ g DNA (NP-TP53-shMYC, P-TP53-shMYC, or L-TP53-shMYC) was incubated at 37°C in 30% fetal bovine serum (FBS) with Mg(OAc)₂ (0.25 μ M) in 50 μ L reaction. Aliquots (5 μ L) were taken at different time (0, 0.25, 0.5, 0.75, 1, 2, 4, 6, 8, 12, 24, 36, 48 and 96 h) and were analyzed by 1% agarose gel.

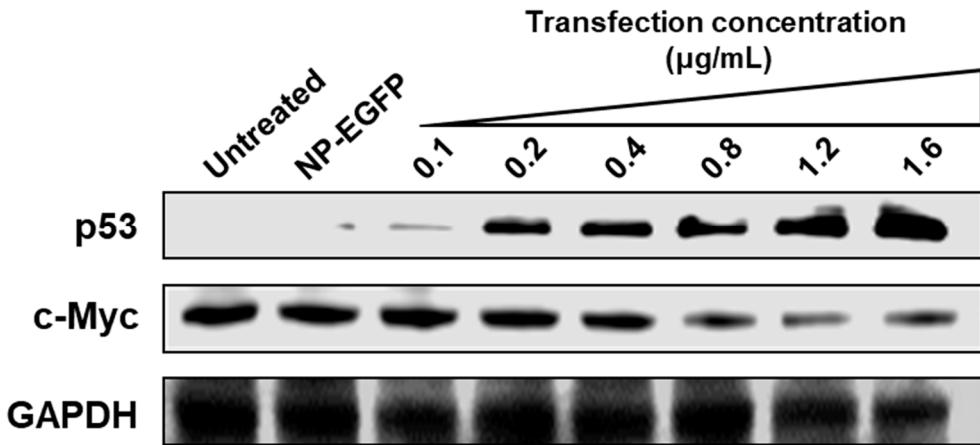


Figure S2. The expression of p53 proteins and c-Myc proteins was quantified by Western blotting. NP-TP53-shMYC nanovectors at different concentrations were transfected into MDA-MB-231 cells for 48 h.

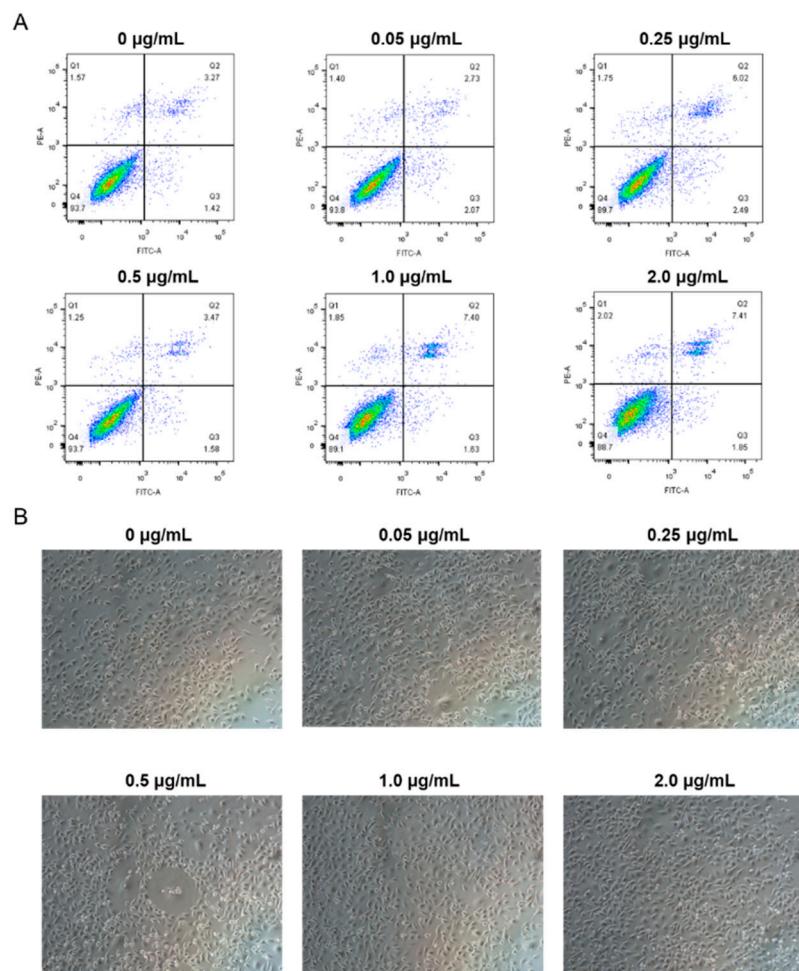


Figure S3. Flow cytometry assay of anti-cancer activity of NP-EGFP. (A) Dose-dependent apoptosis induction of MDA-MB-231 cells after transfection by 1% lipofectamine 2000 with different concentrations of NP-EGFP for 48 h. FITC-labeled Annexin V and PI were

used to discriminate the apoptosis; (B) The image of cell morphology at 48 h of post-transfection.

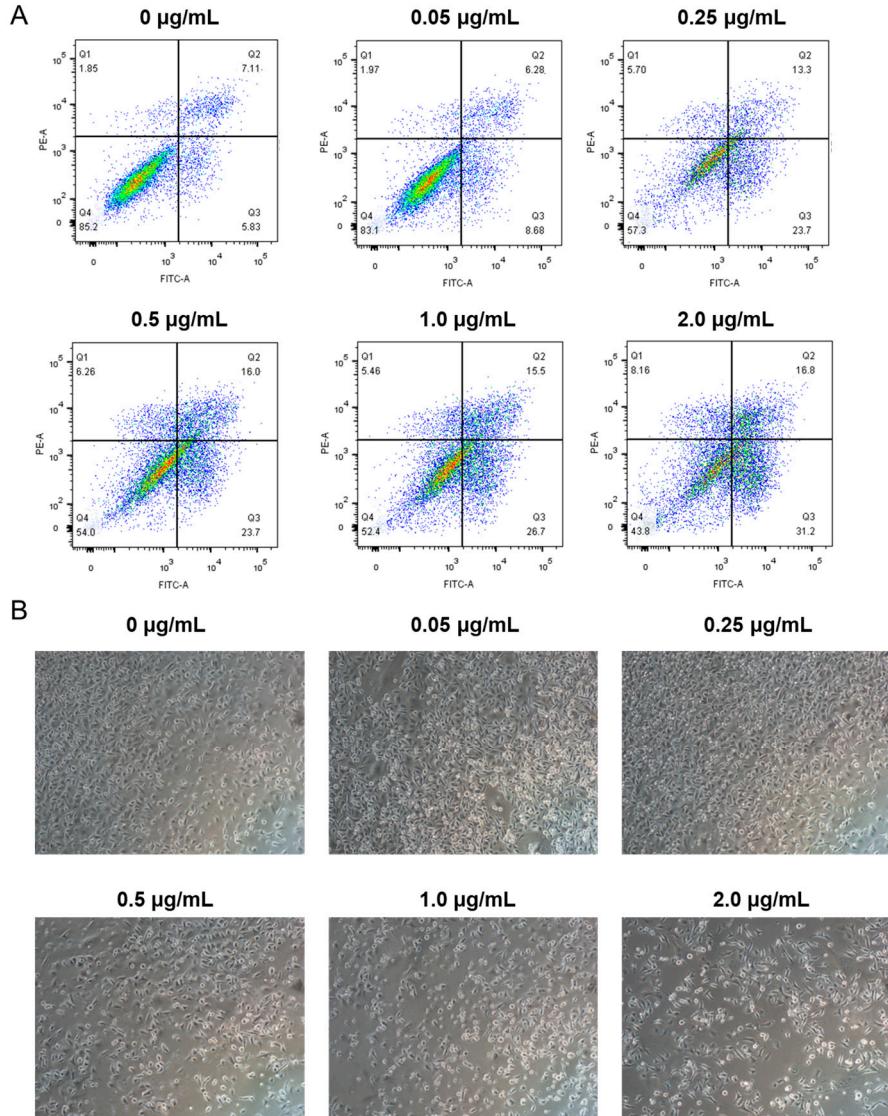


Figure S4. Flow cytometry assay of anti-cancer activity of NP-TP53. (A) Dose-dependent apoptosis induction of MDA-MB-231 cells after transfection by 1% lipofectamine 2000 with different concentrations of NP-TP53 for 48 h. FITC-labeled Annexin V and PI were used to discriminate the apoptosis; (B) The image of cell morphology at 48 h of post-transfection.

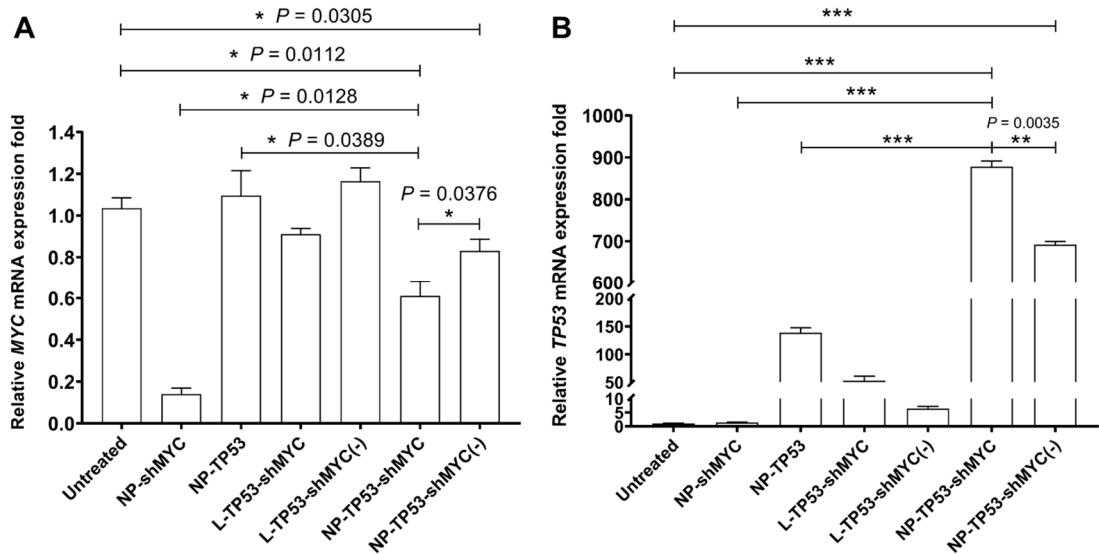


Figure S5. Quantitative analysis of the relative expression fold of *MYC* mRNA and *TP53* mRNA in the tumors at 7 days post-administration. A) the histogram of relative *MYC* mRNA expression fold; B) the histogram of relative *TP53* mRNA expression fold. Untreated: the saline treatment; L-TP53-shMYC: linear DNA formulated with Lipofectamine 2000; L-TP53-shMYC(-): L-TP53-shMYC without the help of Lipofectamine 2000; NP-TP53: gene nanovectors expressing TP53 formulated with Lipofectamine 2000; NP-shMYC: gene nanovectors expressing MYC shRNA array formulated with Lipofectamine 2000; NP-TP53-shMYC: gene nanovectors expressing TP53 and MYC shRNA array formulated with Lipofectamine 2000; NP-TP53-shMYC(-): NP-TP53-shMYC without the help of Lipofectamine 2000.

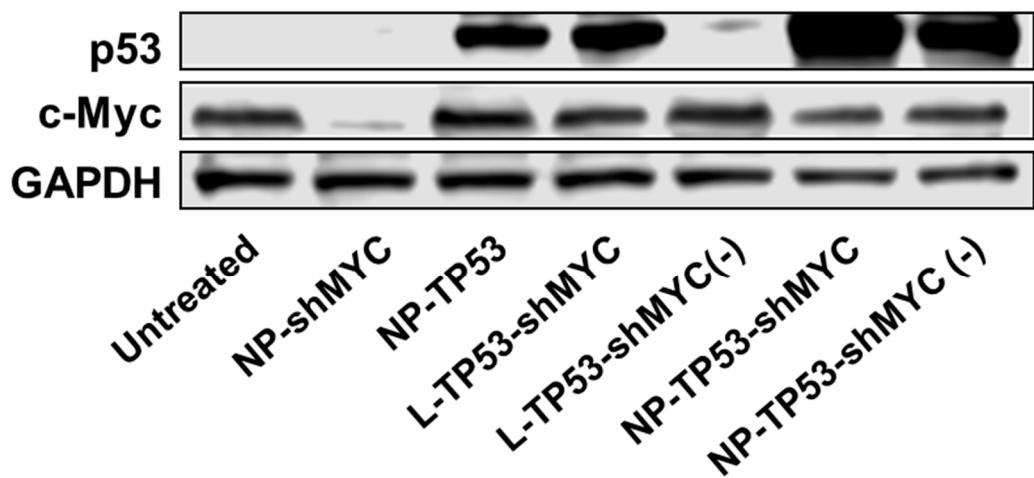


Figure S6. Western blotting analysis of p53 protein and c-Myc protein of tumor tissues at 7 days post-administration. Untreated: the saline treatment; L-TP53-shMYC: linear DNA formulated with Lipofectamine 2000; L-TP53-shMYC(-): L-TP53-shMYC without the help of Lipofectamine 2000; NP-TP53: gene nanovectors expressing TP53 formulated with Lipofectamine 2000; NP-shMYC: gene nanovectors expressing MYC shRNA array formulated with Lipofectamine 2000; NP-TP53-shMYC: gene nanovectors expressing TP53 and MYC shRNA array formulated with Lipofectamine 2000; NP-TP53-shMYC(-): NP-TP53-shMYC without the help of Lipofectamine 2000.

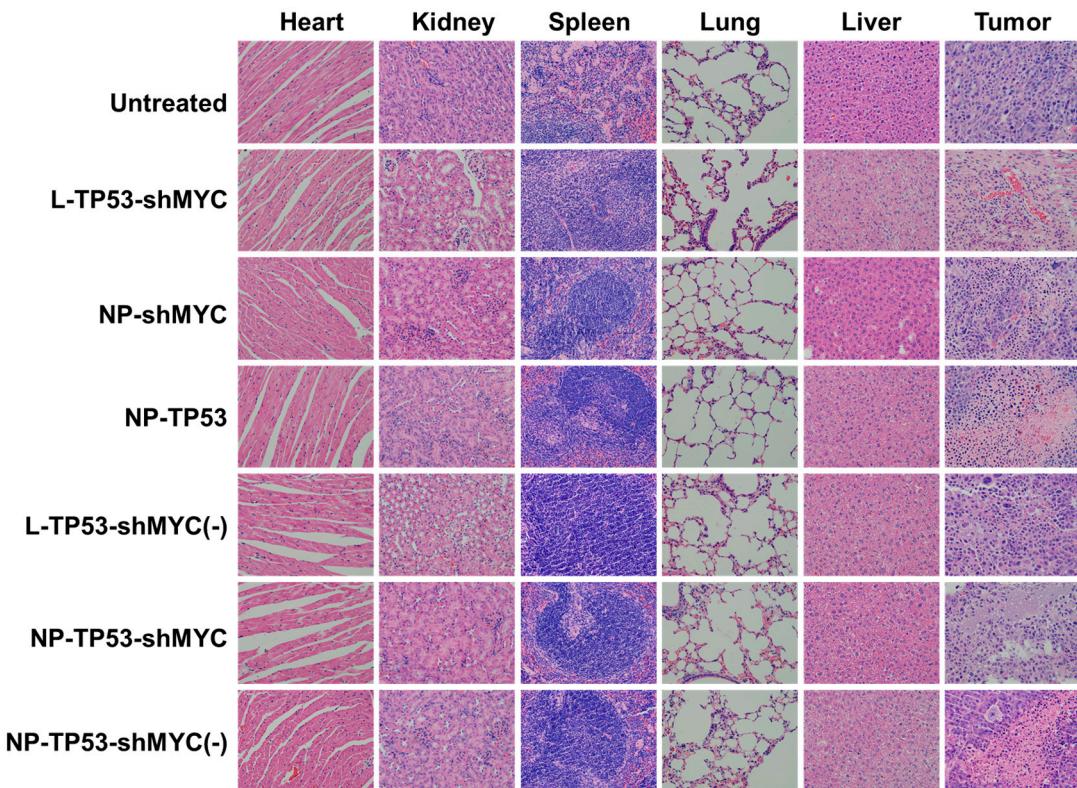


Figure S7. Histochemistry staining images of organs and tumor tissues from mice sacrificed on the 16th day after treatment with various nanovectors. Untreated: the saline treatment; L-TP53-shMYC: linear DNA formulated with Lipofectamine 2000; L-TP53-shMYC(-): L-TP53-shMYC without the help of Lipofectamine 2000; NP-TP53: gene nanovectors expressing TP53 formulated with Lipofectamine 2000; NP-shMYC: gene nanovectors expressing MYC shRNA array formulated with Lipofectamine 2000; NP-TP53-shMYC: gene nanovectors expressing TP53 and MYC shRNA array formulated with Lipofectamine 2000; NP-TP53-shMYC(-): NP-TP53-shMYC without the help of Lipofectamine 2000.

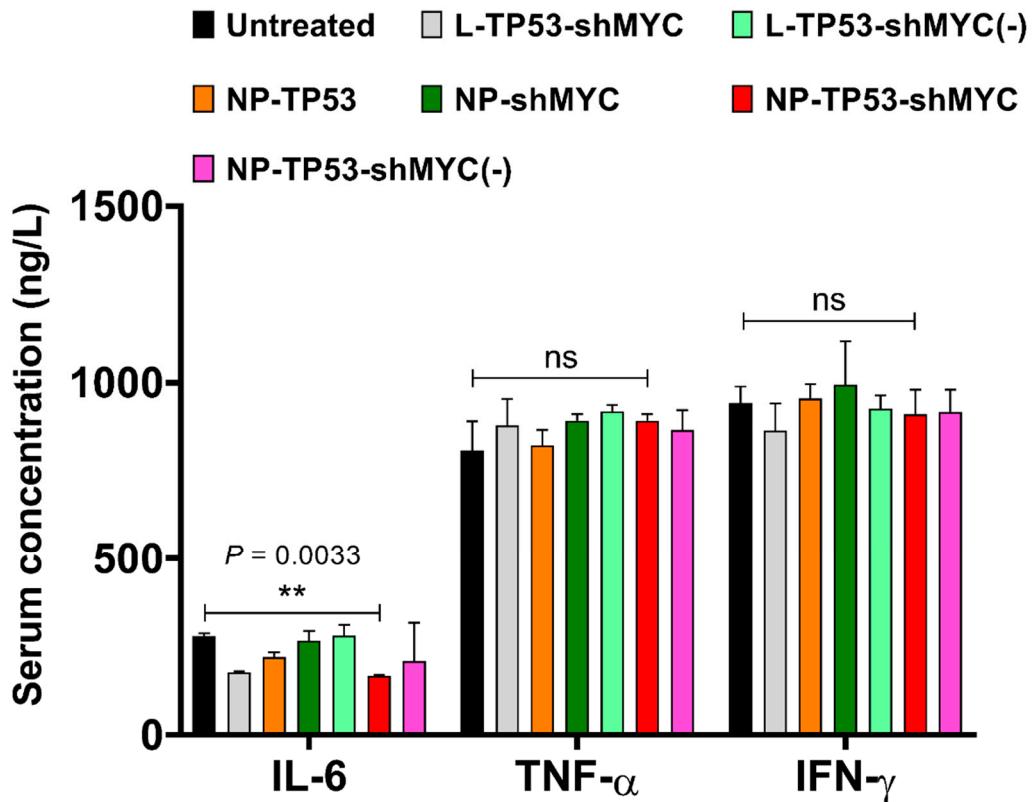


Figure S8. Analysis of immune cytokines levels (IL-6, TNF- α and IFN- γ) in the serum from mice sacrificed on the 16th day after treatment with various nanovectors. Untreated: the saline treatment; L-TP53-shMYC: linear DNA formulated with Lipofectamine 2000; L-TP53-shMYC(-): L-TP53-shMYC without the help of Lipofectamine 2000; NP-TP53: gene nanovectors expressing TP53 formulated with Lipofectamine 2000; NP-shMYC: gene nanovectors expressing MYC shRNA array formulated with Lipofectamine 2000; NP-TP53-shMYC: gene nanovectors expressing TP53 and MYC shRNA array formulated with Lipofectamine 2000; NP-TP53-shMYC(-): NP-TP53-shMYC without the help of Lipofectamine 2000.