

## Supplementary materials

### Molecular response to combined molecular- and external radiotherapy in head and neck squamous cell carcinoma (HNSCC)

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## Supplementary method

### Evaluation of cleaved caspase-3 and p21<sup>cip1/waf1</sup> positive cells on whole tumor sections

#### Cell detection

Images of whole section scanning of tumors, which immunofluorescence stained for cleaved caspase-3 and p21<sup>cip1/waf1</sup>, were imported into QuPath. Whole tumor sections were annotated and cells within the annotations were automatically detected using the built-in function – positive cell detection. The parameters for cell detection were set as follows: background radius: 8  $\mu\text{m}$ , median filter radius: 0  $\mu\text{m}$ , sigma: 1.5  $\mu\text{m}$ , minimum area: 20  $\mu\text{m}^2$ , maximum area: 400  $\mu\text{m}^2$ , DAPI intensity threshold: 100, cell expansion 10  $\mu\text{m}$ . All cells and the corresponding mean fluorescence intensity measured in each compartment i.e. nucleus, cytoplasm, cell, were acquired.

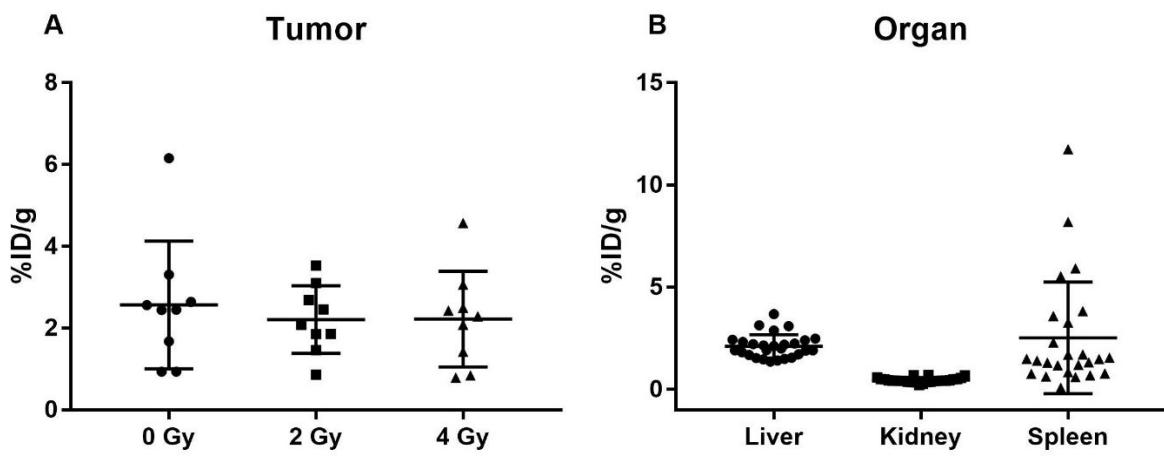
#### Definition of thresholds for low, moderate and high fluorescence intensity.

Mean background fluorescence intensity of the markers in each image was calculated from mean gray value from five regions of interest (100 x 100 pixels), which were randomly selected from areas with negative signal of the markers. For each image, mean fluorescence intensity of the markers in each cell (cleaved caspase-3) or nucleus (p21<sup>cip1/waf1</sup>) was subtracted with the corresponding mean background fluorescence intensity. Corrected mean fluorescence intensity was normalized by the min-max scaling method without considering negative corrected mean fluorescence intensity values. Ratio of cumulative sum and total sum of the normalized values was calculated for each cell. For cells or nucleus with negative corrected mean fluorescence intensity values, the ratio was defined as 0. Corrected mean fluorescence intensity values at the 10<sup>th</sup> ( $x_1$ ), 37<sup>th</sup>( $x_2$ ), 63<sup>th</sup> ( $x_3$ ) and 90<sup>th</sup>( $x_4$ ) percentile were identified in each image. Mean of corrected mean fluorescence intensity values at each percentile of the entire set of images were calculated. These corrected fluorescence intensity values were used as the fluorescence intensity thresholds for negative, low, intermediate, high, and overexposed.

Given  $y_i$  is mean fluorescence intensity of the markers in cells or nucleus (i):

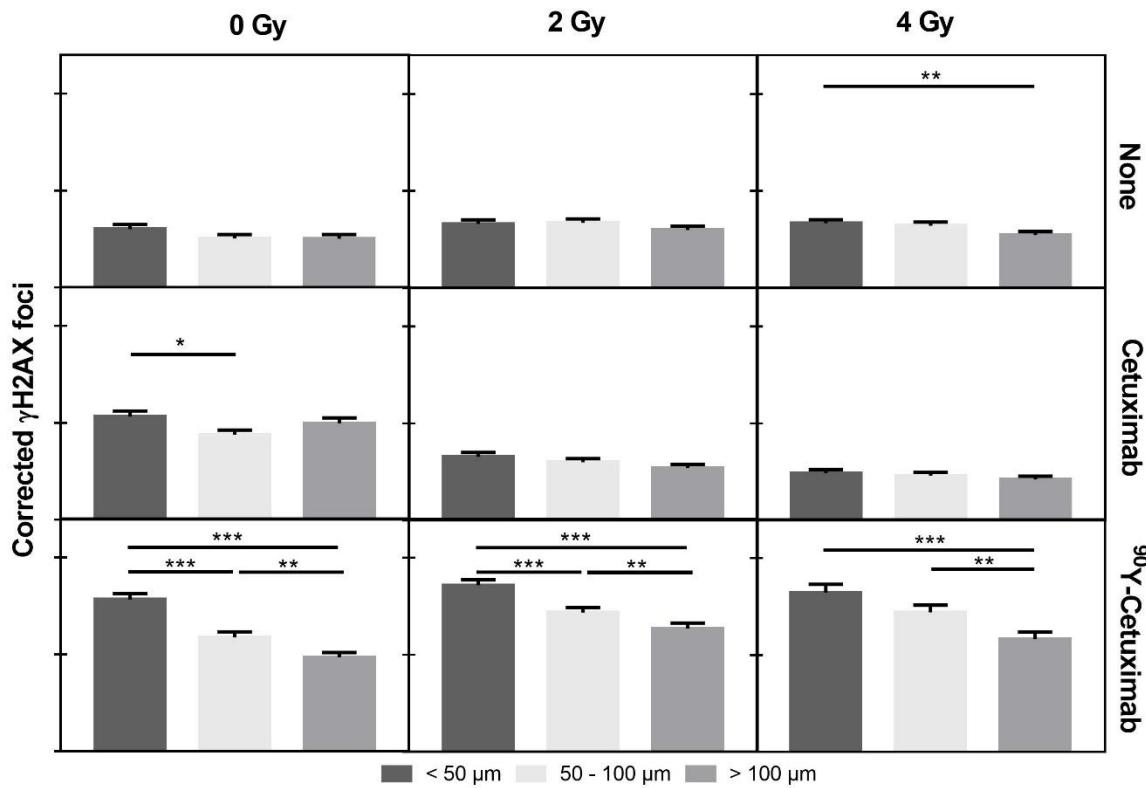
$$y_i = \begin{cases} \text{Negative,} & y_i \leq \bar{x}_1 \\ \text{Low,} & \bar{x}_1 > y_i \leq \bar{x}_2 \\ \text{Intermediate,} & \bar{x}_2 > y_i \leq \bar{x}_3 \\ \text{High,} & \bar{x}_3 > y_i \leq \bar{x}_4 \\ \text{Overexposed,} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Cells or nucleus with corrected mean fluorescence intensity of the markers that lower than or equal to  $\bar{x}_1$  or greater than  $\bar{x}_4$  were considered as negative and overexposed, respectively, to avoid the detection of false positive signal or staining artefacts.



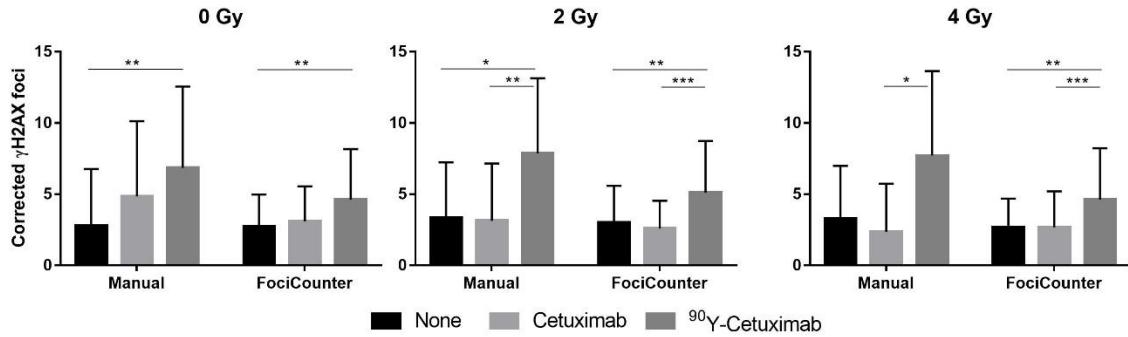
**Figure S1** *In vivo* biodistribution of  $^{90}\text{Y}$ -Cetuximab

*In vivo* biodistribution of  $^{90}\text{Y}$ -Cetuximab administered intravenously 3 days prior to an external tumor irradiation of 0, 2 or 4 Gy. Tumors (N = 9/ treatment arm) and organs (liver: N = 27; kidney: N = 26; spleen: N = 25) were collected 24 h post irradiation. Strip charts show the percentage of uptake dose of injected dose per gram of the corresponding tissues (%ID/g) in tumors (A) and organs (B). One-way ANOVA followed by post-hoc test with Sidak's correction was applied to the uptake data in tumors. No statistically significant difference of radionuclide uptake was observed in tumors of the different arms. Horizontal lines and error bars represent mean and standard deviation.



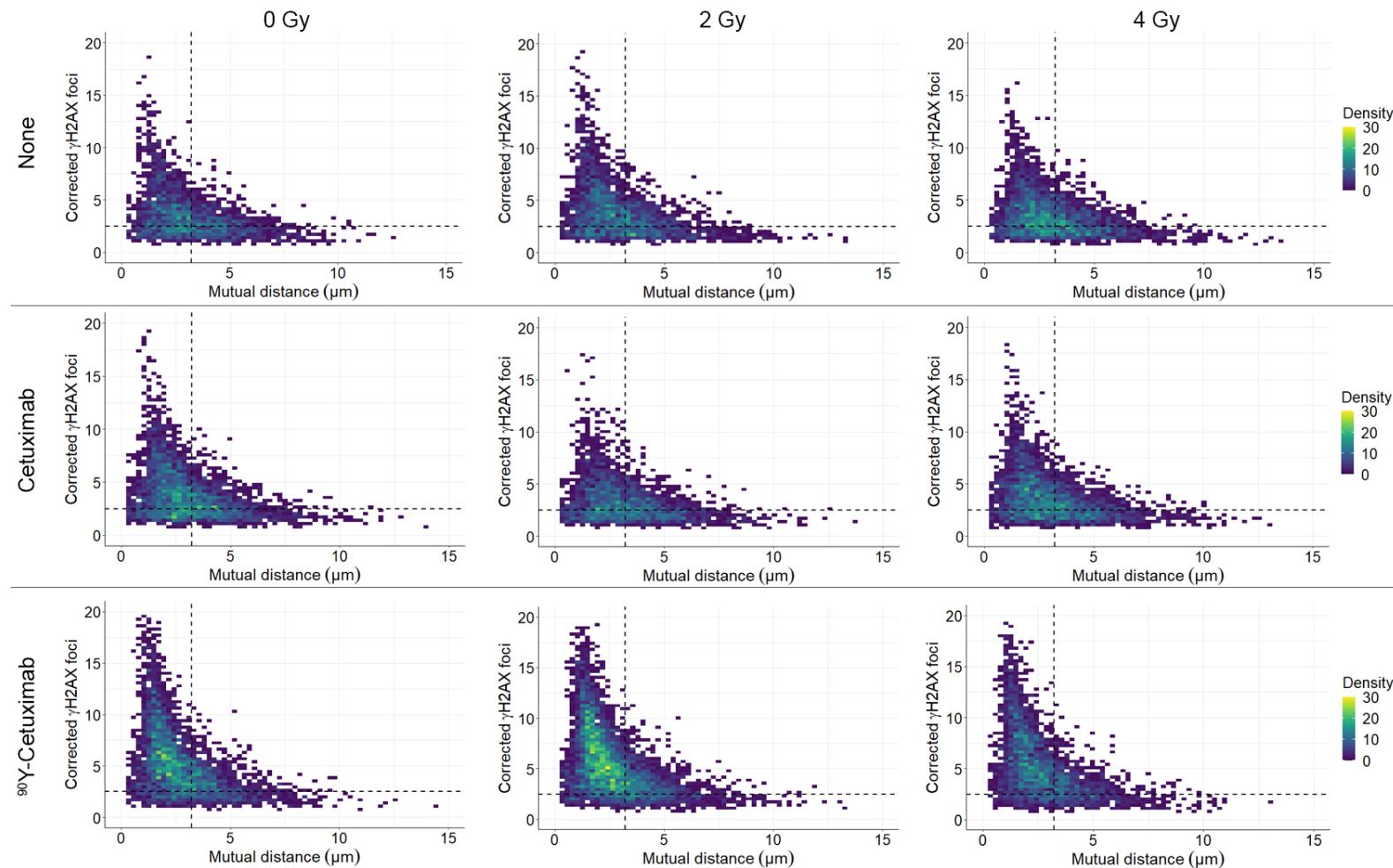
**Figure S2** Corrected residual  $\gamma$ H2AX foci plotted dependent on the distance from the nearest perfused vessel

Corrected residual  $\gamma$ H2AX foci (cfoci) of FaDu<sub>DD</sub> xenograft tumors treated with monotherapy of external beam X-ray irradiation (0, 2, 4 Gy), Cetuximab or <sup>90</sup>Y-Cetuximab or the combination therapy. Data was plotted dependent on the distance to the nearest perfused vessel (< 50  $\mu\text{m}$ , 50-100  $\mu\text{m}$ , and > 100  $\mu\text{m}$ ). Cells located in each distance group were randomly selected for manual foci counting. A linear mixed-effects model was performed to investigate the difference in cfoci among the distance within a treatment arm (\*:  $p < 0.05$ , \*\*:  $p < 0.01$ , \*\*\*:  $p < 0.001$ ).

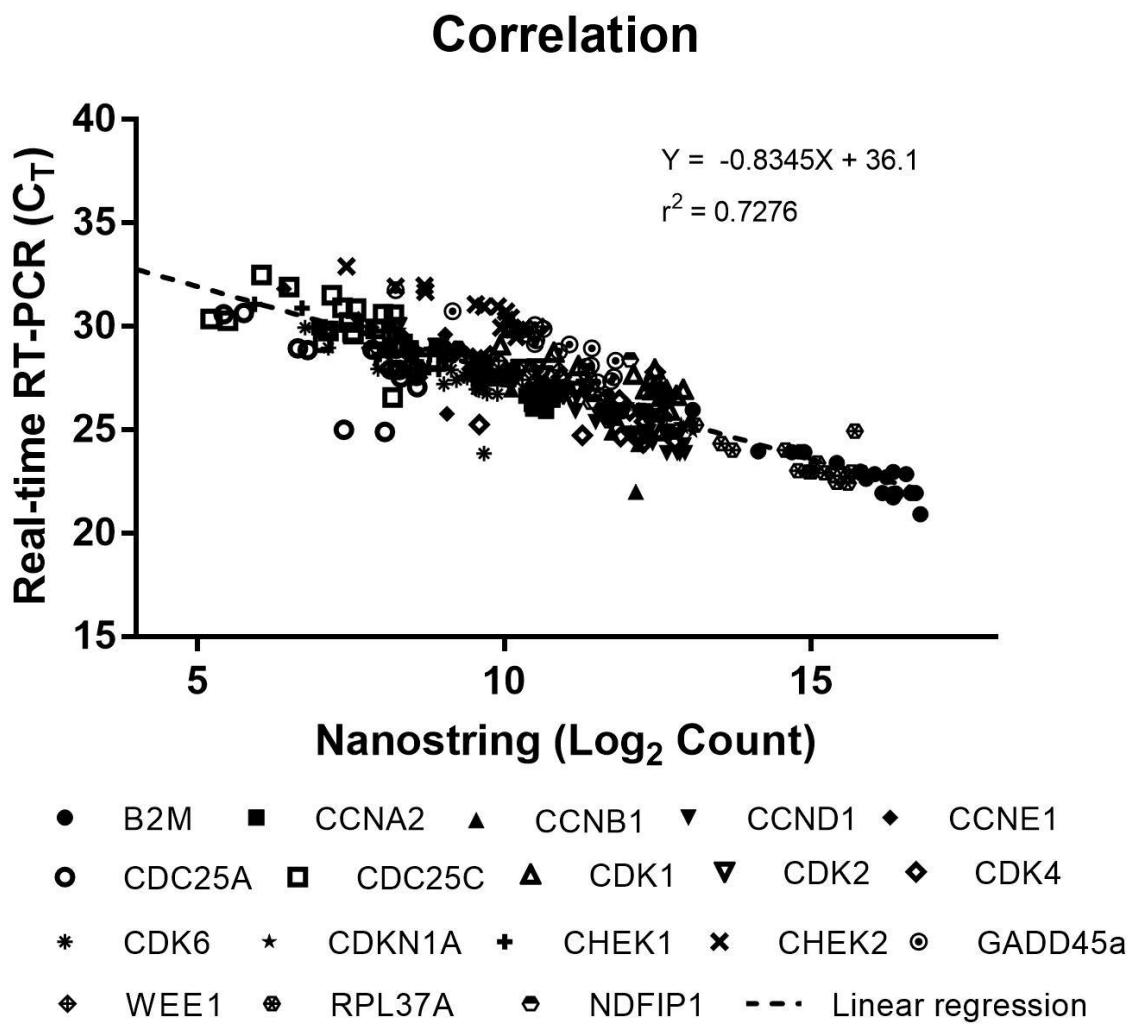


**Figure S3** Corrected residual  $\gamma$ H2AX foci determined by manual or FociCounter in nuclei located within the distance up to 100  $\mu$ m from the nearest perfused vessel.

Residual  $\gamma$ H2AX foci (cfoci) of FaDu<sub>DD</sub> xenograft tumors treated with monotherapy of external beam X-ray irradiation (0, 2, 4 Gy), Cetuximab or <sup>90</sup>Y-Cetuximab or combination therapy were counted manually or using FociCounter algorithm in nuclei located within the distance up to 100  $\mu$ m from the nearest perfused vessel. A linear mixed-effects model with Sidak's correction for multiple comparison was performed (\*:  $p < 0.05$ , \*\*:  $p < 0.01$ , \*\*\*:  $p < 0.001$ ).

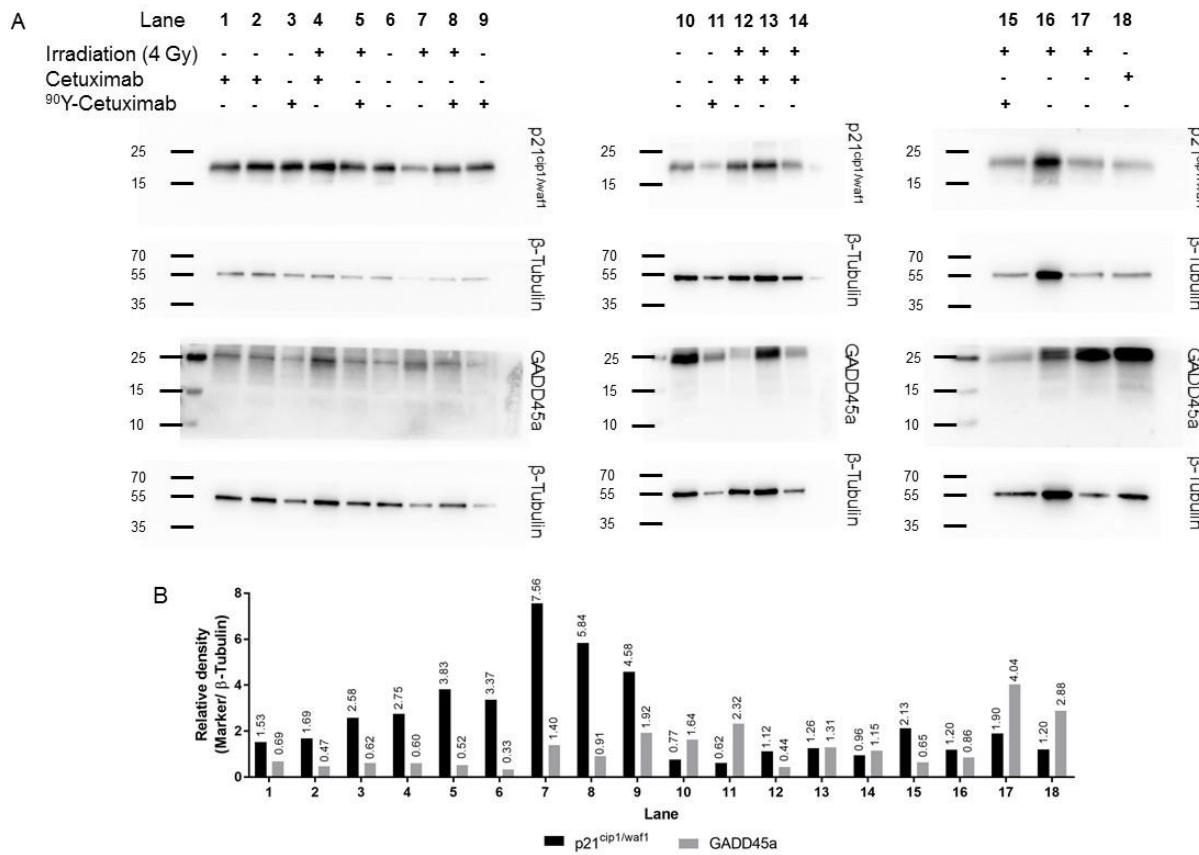


**Figure S4.** Two-dimensional density plot of corrected  $\gamma$ H2AX foci number and mutual distance among foci determined by FociCounter, a FIJI ImageJ based algorithm. Tumor cells within the range of approx. 100  $\mu\text{m}$  from the perfused vessels were automatically counted for foci number and distance among foci. Horizontal- and vertical dashed lines represent the mean of mutual distance among foci and corrected  $\gamma$ H2AX foci of the untreated control group, respectively. The plots were done using RStudio with ggplot2 package.



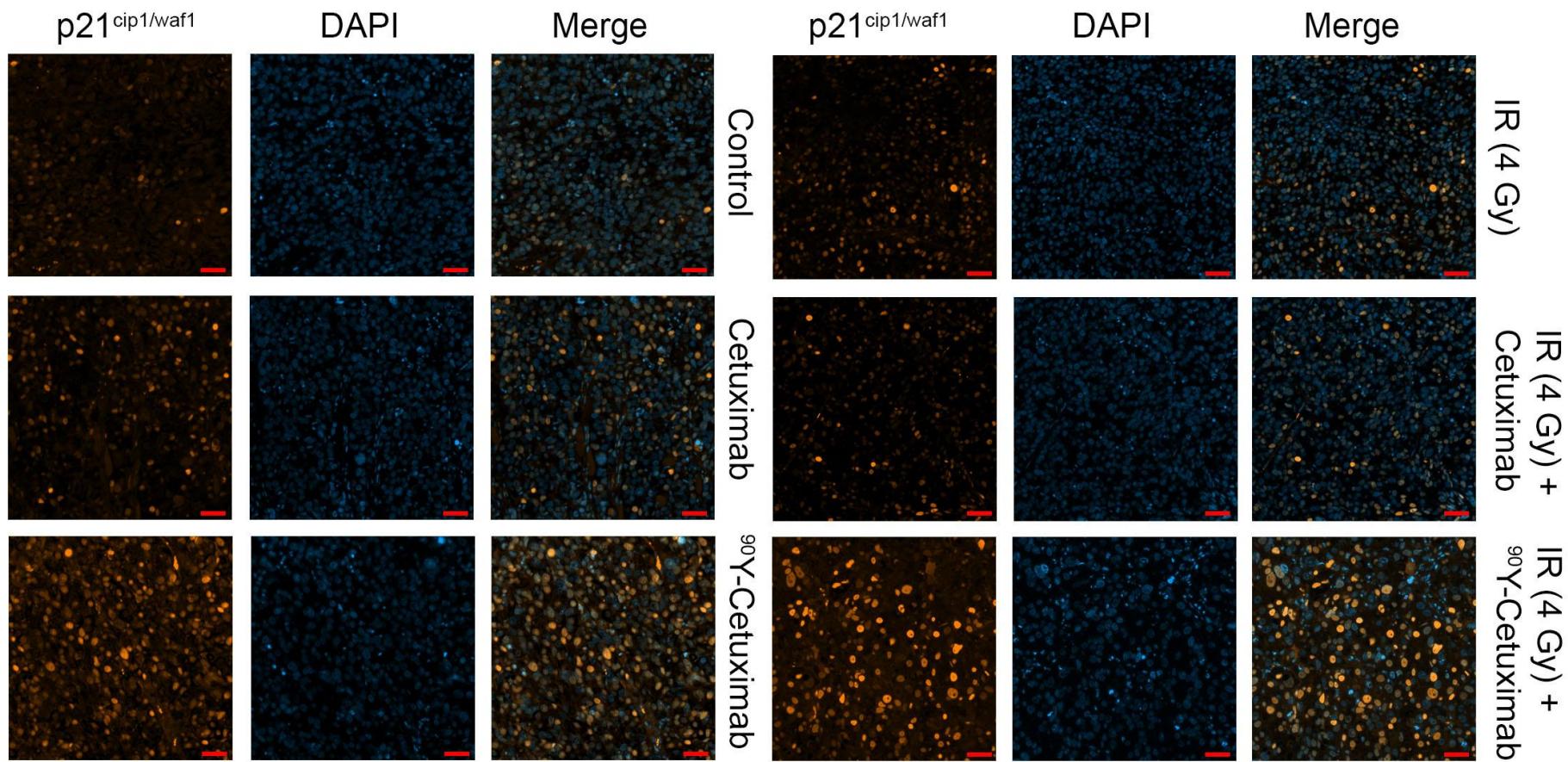
**Figure S5** Correlation analysis of data from nanoString™ and real-time qRT-PCR

Negative proportional relationship between  $C_T$  values and  $\log_2$  Counts of 18 target genes assessed by real-time qRT-PCR and nanoString™, respectively. RNA from snap-frozen samples were isolated and analyzed for RNA expression using real-time qRT-PCR and nanoString™ (N = 18).



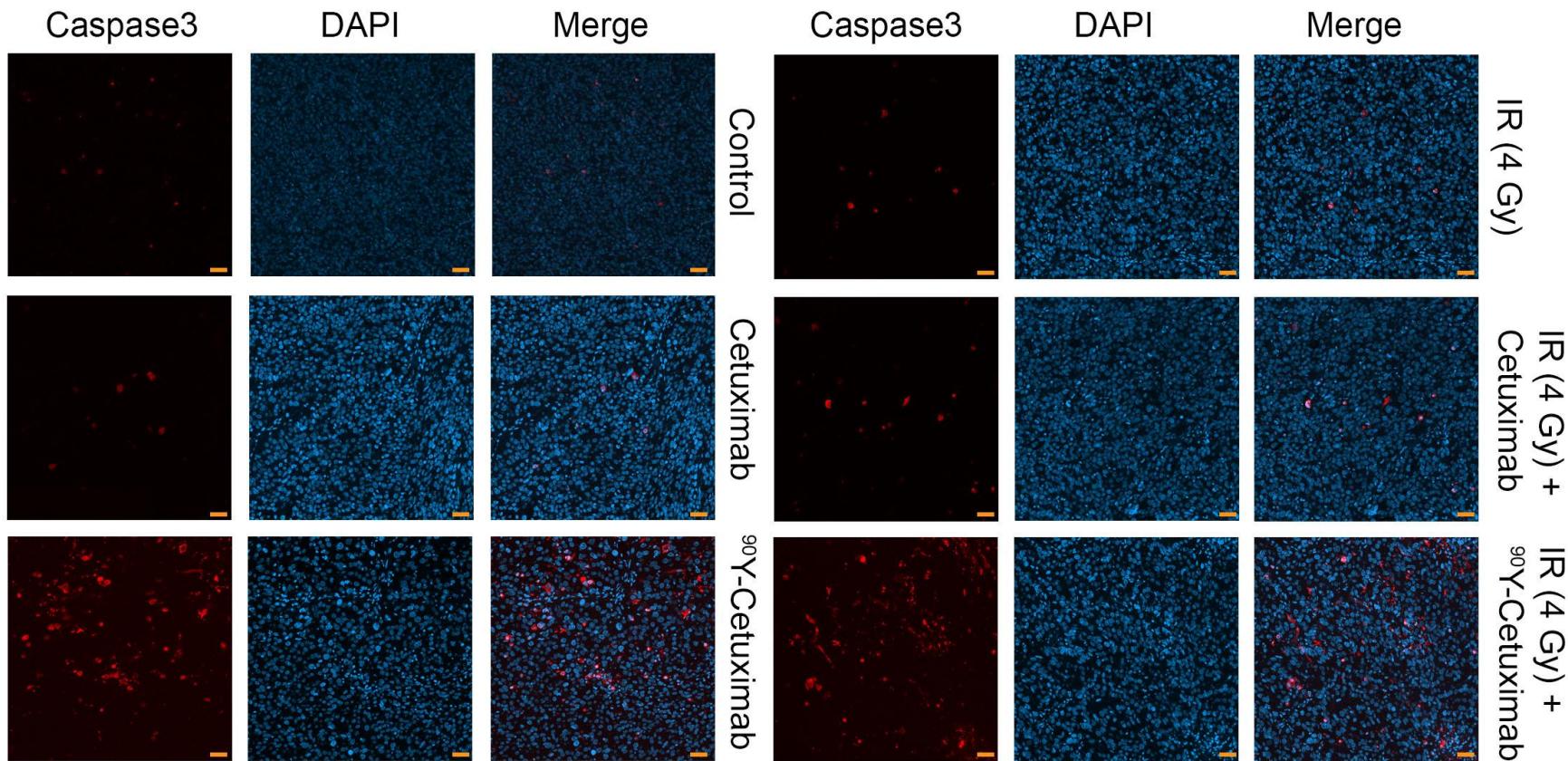
**Figure S6** Full-length of immunoblotting images probed for GADD45 $\alpha$ , p21<sup>cip1/waf1</sup>, and  $\beta$ -Tubulin (A) and densitometry of each lane (B)

Proteins were isolated from FFPE tissue sections of FaDUD tumors treated with monotherapy (external radiotherapy (0, 4 Gy), Cetuximab or <sup>90</sup>Y-Cetuximab) or the combination therapy. Total protein lysates were probed for GADD45 $\alpha$ , p21<sup>cip1/waf1</sup>.  $\beta$ -Tubulin served as a reference protein for the determination of relative protein expression. The immunoblotting was performed under blinded condition (N=3). Immunoblotting was performed in six batches. Relative density of the probed proteins was calculated by normalizing the intensity of the markers with  $\beta$ -Tubulin, which was probed as reference for each batch of immunoblotting. Outlier test with robust regression and outlier removal method ( $Q=1\%$ ) was performed, by which the values from lane 7 (p21<sup>cip1/waf1</sup>) and lane 17 (GADD45 $\alpha$ ) were excluded from the plot in figure 2D.



**Figure S7** Representative images of immunofluorescence staining of  $p21^{cip1/waf1}$

FaDUD xenograft tumors were exposed to monotherapy (external radiotherapy, Cetuximab, or  $^{90}\text{Y}$ -Cetuximab) or the combination therapy and formalin-fixed and paraffin-embedded 24 h post irradiation. FFPE tumor tissues were sectioned (3  $\mu\text{m}$ ) and immunofluorescence stained for  $p21^{cip1/waf1}$  (orange) and counterstained with DAPI (blue). Scale bars (red): 50  $\mu\text{m}$ .



**Figure S8** Representative images of immunofluorescence staining of cleaved-caspase 3

FaDUD xenograft tumors exposed to monotherapy (external radiotherapy, Cetuximab, or  $^{90}\text{Y}$ -Cetuximab) or the combination therapy were formalin-fixed and paraffin-embedded 24 h post irradiation. FFPE tumor tissues were sectioned (3  $\mu\text{m}$ ) and immunofluorescence stained for cleaved caspase-3 (red) and counterstained with DAPI (blue). Scale bars (orange): 50  $\mu\text{m}$ .

**Table S1** Total number of animals eligible for the study

Sample size [N]	X-Ray radiation dose		
	0 Gy	2 Gy	4 Gy
None	8	7	8
Cetuximab	9	8	8
<sup>90</sup> Y-Cetuximab	9	9	9
Total number of animals			75

**Table S2** List of antibodies, kits, and chemicals used in this study*Antibodies*

Description	Host	Catalog No.	Supplier	Dilution
Anti-Pimonidazole	Mouse	HP1-1000Kit	Natural Pharmacia International	1:50
Anti-Bromodeoxyuridine (clone: Bu20a)	Mouse	M0744	Agilent Dako	1:50
Anti-Cleaved Caspase-3 (Asp175)	Rabbit	9661S	Cell Signaling	1:200
Anti-GADD45α	Rabbit	ABE2696	Sigma-Aldrich	IF: 1:200 IB: 1:500
Anti-p21 Waf1/Cip1 (12D1)	Rabbit	2947S	Cell Signaling	IF: 1:200 IB: 1:1000
Anti-β-tubulin (9F3)	Rabbit	2128S	Cell Signaling	1:500
Anti-phospho-Histone H2A.X (Ser139), clone JBW301	Mouse	05-636-I	Sigma-Aldrich	1:1000
Anti-Rabbit IgG, Alexa Fluor 594	Goat	A-11012	Invitrogen	1:500
Anti-Rabbit IgG, DyLight 650	Donkey	SA5-10041	Invitrogen	1:200

IF: Immunofluorescence, IB: Immunoblotting

*Kits*

Description	Catalog No.	Supplier
ARK (Animal Research Kit) Peroxidase, Kit system	K395411-8	Agilent Dako
VECTASTAIN® Elite ABC-HRP Kit, Peroxidase (Rabbit IgG)	PK-6101	Vector Laboratories
TSA™ Kit #2 with HRP-goat anti-mouse IgG and Alexa Fluor® 488 Tyramide*	T20912	Invitrogen
RNeasy micro kit	#74004	Qiagen
Qubit™ RNA HS Assay Kit	#Q32852	Invitrogen

*Chemicals*

Description	Catalog No.	Supplier
Hematoxylin acid according to MAYER	10231	SAV Liquid Production
Eosin 1% in 96% Ethanol	-	University Hospital Dresden
4',6-diamidino-2-phenylindole (1:1000)	D1306	Invitrogen
Cetuximab [Erbitux®]		University Hospital Dresden
Ketamin 500 (Curamed®)		CuraMed Pharma
Xylazine (Rompun®)		Bayer HealthCare
Bromodeoxyuridine	15240.02	SERVA electrophoresis
Pimonidazole	HP1-1000Kit	Natural Pharmacia International
TaqMan® Master Mix	#4444556	Applied Biosystems
Nuclease-Free water	#129114	Qiagen

**Table S3** Customized gene set and the corresponding accession number for DNA damage response related mRNA expression analysis with nanoString™

Gene symbol	Accession number	Gene symbol	Accession number	Gene symbol	Accession number
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APEX1	NM_001641.2	FANCI	NM_001113378.1	POLD3	NM_006591.2
APEX2	NM_014481.2	FANCL	NM_001114636.1	POLD4	NM_021173.2
ATM	NM_138292.3	FANCM	NM_020937.2	POLE2	NM_002692.2
ATR	NM_001184.3	FEN1	NM_004111.4	POLE4	NM_019896.2
ATRIP	NM_130384.1	GEN1	NM_182625.3	POLI	NM_007195.2
AURKA	NM_003600.2	GTF2H3	NM_001516.3	POLL	NM_001174085.1
BCL2	NM_000657.2	H2AFX	NM_002105.2	POLM	NM_013284.3
BCL2L1	NM_138578.1	HDAC1	NM_004964.2	POLQ	NM_199420.3
BLM	NM_000057.2	HDAC2	NM_001527.1	POLR2D	NM_004805.3
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BRCA2	NM_000059.3	HUS1	NM_004507.2	POLR2J	NM_006234.4
BRIP1	NM_032043.1	KRAS	NM_004985.3	PRKACB	NM_182948.2
BUB1B	NM_001211.4	LIG1	NM_000234.1	PRKDC	NM_006904.6
CASP8	NM_001228.4	LIG3	NM_002311.3	PRKX	NM_005044.1
CCND1	NM_053056.2	LIG4	NM_002312.3	PTEN	NM_000314.4
CCND2	NM_001759.2	MAD2L2	NM_001127325.1	RAD1	NM_133377.2
CCND3	NM_001760.2	MDC1	NM_014641.2	RAD17	NM_133338.1
CCNO	NM_021147.3	MGMT	NM_002412.3	RAD18	NM_020165.2
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CDKN2A	NM_000077.3	MUTYH	NM_012222.2	RAD50	NM_005732.2
CDKN2C	NM_001262.2	MYC	NM_002467.3	RAD51	NM_133487.2
CHEK1	NM_001114121.2	MYD88	NM_002468.3	RAD51B	NM_002877.5
CHEK2	NM_001005735.1	NBN	NM_001024688.1	RAD51C	NM_002876.2
CREBBP	NM_001079846.1	NEIL1	NM_024608.2	RAD51D	NM_002878.3
DDB1	NM_001923.3	NEIL2	NM_145043.2	RAD52	NM_134424.2
DDB2	NM_000107.1	NEIL3	NM_018248.2	RAD54L	NM_003579.2
EGFR	NM_201282.1	NFKB1	NM_003998.2	RAD9A	NM_004584.2
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ERCC2	NM_000400.2	NLRP2	NM_017852.1	RECQL	NM_032941.2
ERCC3	NM_000122.1	NTHL1	NM_002528.5	RECQL5	NM_004259.6
ERCC4	NM_005236.2	OGG1	NM_002542.5	REV1	NM_016316.2
ERCC5	NM_000123.2	PARP1	NM_001618.3	RFC1	NM_001204747.1
ERCC6	NM_000124.2	PARP2	NM_005484.3	RFC3	NM_002915.3
ERCC8	NM_000082.3	PARP3	NM_005485.4	RFC4	NM_181573.2
FAN1	NM_001146094.1	PARP4	NM_006437.3	RMI1	NM_024945.2
FANCA	NM_000135.2	PCNA	NM_002592.2	RMI2	NM_152308.1
FANCB	NM_152633.2	PIK3CA	NM_006218.2	RPA1	NM_002945.3
FANCC	NM_000136.2	PIK3CB	NM_006219.1	RPA3	NM_002947.3

Gene symbol	Accession number	Gene symbol	Accession number	Gene symbol	Accession number
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SIRT1	NM_012238.4	CDK5R1	NM_003885.3	RPL11	NM_000975.3
SLFN11	NM_001104587.1	BIRC5	NM_001168.3	RPL37A	NM_000998.4
SLK	NM_014720.2	CDC34	NM_004359.2		
SLX4	NM_032444.2	MCM5	NM_006739.4		
SMAD4	NM_005359.3	CDC25A	NM_001789.2		
SMARCA4	NM_003072.3	CDC20	NM_001255.3		
SMC1A	NM_006306.2	RBBP8	NM_002894.3		
SMC3	NM_005445.3	MAD2L1	NM_002358.4		
SMUG1	NM_001243789.1	CCNF	NM_001761.3		
SUMO3	NM_006936.2	ANAPC2	NM_013366.4		
TDG	NM_003211.4	CDKN2B	NM_004936.4		
TIPIN	NM_017858.2	CCNG1	NM_199246.2		
TOP3A	NM_004618.3	TFDP1	NM_007111.5		
TOP3B	NM_003935.4	GADD45A	NM_001924.4		
TP53	NM_000546.2	MKI67	NM_002417.4		
TP53BP1	NM_001141980.1	CUL2	NM_001198778.2		
TREX1	NM_016381.3	CKS2	NM_001827.3		
UBB	NM_018955.2	CDKN3	NM_005192.3		
UBE2T	NM_014176.3	CCNA2	NM_001237.3		
UNG	NM_003362.3	CDK4	NM_000075.3		
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WEE1	NM_003390.3	E2F4	NM_001950.4		
WRN	NM_000553.4	CDK6	NM_001259.6		
XPA	NM_000380.3	CASP3	NM_001284409.1		
XPC	NM_004628.3	CCNH	NM_001199189.1		
XRCC1	NM_006297.2	CUL1	NM_001370661.1		
XRCC2	NM_005431.1	KPNA2	NM_001320611.1		
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XRCC4	NM_003401.3	SKP2	NM_005983.4		
XRCC5	NM_021141.3	TFDP2	NM_001178138.2		
XRCC6	NM_001469.3	CDC25C	NM_001790.4		
CDK2	NM_001798.4	KNTC1	NM_014708.6		
CKS1B	NM_001826.3	CCNB2	NM_004701.4		
CUL3	NM_001257198.2	STMN1	NM_001145454.3		
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CCNB1	NM_031966.3	RBL1	NM_002895.5		
GTSE1	NM_016426.7	CCNT1	NM_001240.4		
CDC16	NM_001078645.3	CCNE1	NM_001238.3		
CDK5RAP1	NM_016408.4	CDK1	NM_001786.4		
MCM4	NM_005914.4	BCCIP	NM_016567.4		
CDK8	NM_001260.3	SERTAD1	NM_013376.4		
CCNC	NM_005190.4	ACTR3	NM_001277140.1		
CDC6	NM_001254.4	B2M	NM_004048.2		
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**Table S4** Primer list for real-time qRT-PCR

Gene Symbol	Gene Name	UniGene ID	Amplicon Length	Dye	Assay ID
<i>B2M</i>	Beta-2-microglobulin	Hs.534255	64	FAM-MGB	Hs00187842_m1
<i>NDFIP1</i>	Nedd4 family interacting protein 1	Hs.653510	67	FAM-MGB	Hs00228968_m1
<i>RPL37A</i>	Ribosomal protein L37a	Hs.433701	125	FAM-MGB	Hs01102345_m1
<i>CDK6</i>	Cyclin dependent kinase 6	Hs.119882	64	FAM-MGB	Hs01026371_m1
<i>CDK4</i>	Cyclin dependent kinase 4	Hs.95577	75	FAM-MGB	Hs00364847_m1
<i>CDK1</i>	Cyclin dependent kinase 1	Hs.732435	109	FAM-MGB	Hs00938777_m1
<i>CDK2</i>	Cyclin dependent kinase 2	Hs.19192	58	FAM-MGB	Hs01548894_m1
<i>CCNB1</i>	Cyclin B1	Hs.23960	86	FAM-MGB	Hs01030099_m1
<i>CCND1</i>	Cyclin D1	Hs.523852	57	FAM-MGB	Hs00765553_m1
<i>CCNE1</i>	Cyclin E1	Hs.244723	64	FAM-MGB	Hs01026536_m1
<i>CCNA2</i>	Cyclin A2	Hs.58974	81	FAM-MGB	Hs00996788_m1
<i>CDC25A</i>	Cell division cycle 25A	Hs.437705	68	FAM-MGB	Hs00947994_m1
<i>CDC25C</i>	Cell division cycle 25C	Hs.656	145	FAM-MGB	Hs00156411_m1
<i>WEE1</i>	WEE1 G2 checkpoint kinase	Hs.249441	70	FAM-MGB	Hs01119384_g1
<i>CHEK2</i>	Checkpoint kinase 2	Hs.291363	109	FAM-MGB	Hs00200485_m1
<i>CHEK1</i>	Checkpoint kinase 1	Hs.24529	79	FAM-MGB	Hs00967506_m1
<i>GADD45A</i>	Growth arrest and DNA damage inducible alpha	Hs.80409	123	FAM-MGB	Hs00169255_m1
<i>CDKN1A</i>	Cyclin dependent kinase inhibitor 1A	Hs.370771	66	MGB	Hs00355782_m1

All pre-designed primers were purchased from Invitrogen (Darmstadt, Germany)

**Table S5** Summary of descriptive statistics from manual  $\gamma$ H2AX foci determination

Radiation dose [Gy]	Cetuximab	Range from perfused vessel [ $\mu\text{m}$ ]	Number of analyzed cells	Nucleus area [ $\mu\text{m}^2$ ]					Corrected $\gamma$ H2AX foci				
				Mean	Std. Error	Std. Deviation	Min	Max	Mean	Std. Error	Std. Deviation	Min	Max
0 Gy	None	< 50	335	116.85	1.76	32.00	37.35	263.86	3.02	0.24	4.32	0.00	21.94
		50 - 100	335	112.26	1.66	30.13	34.74	235.48	2.54	0.20	3.62	0.00	17.83
		> 100	335	111.51	1.73	31.36	28.28	256.78	2.25	0.22	3.93	0.00	21.68
	unlabeled	< 50	390	118.77	1.68	33.18	59.17	263.67	5.33	0.29	5.68	0.00	28.00
		50 - 100	390	115.24	1.66	32.87	56.68	305.21	4.38	0.24	4.79	0.00	24.39
		> 100	385	114.35	1.58	31.02	54.99	255.97	4.98	0.28	5.48	0.00	26.85
	$^{90}\text{Y}$ -labeled	< 50	380	147.82	3.00	58.56	41.07	422.71	7.84	0.30	5.79	0.00	32.52
		50 - 100	380	132.53	2.53	49.36	48.48	420.00	5.88	0.28	5.44	0.00	31.32
		> 100	380	125.88	2.25	43.93	57.88	412.71	4.85	0.24	4.71	0.00	23.23
2 Gy	None	< 50	350	119.07	1.92	35.94	49.66	352.79	3.30	0.22	4.07	0.00	20.04
		50 - 100	350	115.91	1.68	31.52	54.30	250.24	3.36	0.20	3.74	0.00	20.39
		> 100	350	117.3	1.75	32.76	59.02	293.22	3.00	0.20	3.66	0.00	17.22
	unlabeled	< 50	405	124.11	1.76	35.37	58.70	269.77	3.29	0.22	4.33	0.00	22.62
		50 - 100	405	119.51	1.93	38.80	44.09	309.46	3.00	0.18	3.66	0.00	17.85
		> 100	405	116.10	1.83	36.90	46.32	328.79	2.71	0.18	3.62	0.00	21.93
	$^{90}\text{Y}$ -labeled	< 50	370	148.05	2.82	54.19	33.36	403.01	8.59	0.28	5.40	0.00	26.32
		50 - 100	370	141.23	2.98	57.37	44.81	527.86	7.18	0.26	5.02	0.00	29.19
		> 100	370	133.38	2.90	55.81	53.46	477.83	6.36	0.28	5.31	0.00	30.40
4 Gy	None	< 50	385	118.90	1.69	33.13	52.85	286.55	3.34	0.18	3.72	0.00	22.72
		50 - 100	385	115.02	1.80	35.31	44.96	316.27	3.21	0.19	3.71	0.00	23.11
		> 100	385	112.08	1.68	32.98	44.89	246.87	2.73	0.19	3.63	0.00	23.31
	unlabeled	< 50	345	120.99	1.69	31.36	55.05	258.10	2.44	0.19	3.52	0.00	28.54
		50 - 100	345	117.17	1.83	34.04	56.23	314.66	2.31	0.17	3.22	0.00	25.55
		> 100	345	115.95	1.88	34.97	52.72	281.52	2.11	0.17	3.16	0.00	19.43
	$^{90}\text{Y}$ -labeled	< 50	215	145.19	3.86	56.66	49.60	473.35	8.23	0.43	6.28	0.00	40.30
		50 - 100	215	135.42	3.54	51.93	61.25	330.88	7.20	0.38	5.53	0.00	27.38
		> 100	215	129.53	3.02	44.24	56.31	326.14	5.82	0.37	5.39	0.00	33.90

**Table S6** Statistical output of corrected foci and nucleus area analyzed by a linear mixed-effects model based on the manual assessment of  $\gamma$ H2AX foci

Radiation dose [Gy]	Range [ $\mu\text{m}$ ]	Cetuximab (I)	Cetuximab (J)						
			Unlabeled			$^{90}\text{Y}$ -labeled			
			Mean difference (I-J)	Std. Error	p value	Mean difference (I-J)	Std. Error	p value	
Corrected foci <sup>a</sup>	0 Gy	< 50	none	-0.59	0.38	0.339	-1.33	0.38	<b>0.003</b>
			unlabeled	-	-	-	-0.74	0.37	0.140
		50 - 100	none	-0.54	0.36	0.363	-0.99	0.36	<b>0.022</b>
			unlabeled	-	-	-	-0.45	0.35	0.481
		> 100	none	-0.70	0.35	0.147	-0.80	0.35	0.078
			unlabeled	-	-	-	-0.10	0.34	0.987
	2 Gy	< 50	none	0.09	0.38	0.994	-1.37	0.38	<b>0.002</b>
			unlabeled	-	-	-	-1.46	0.37	<b>0.001</b>
		50 - 100	none	0.18	0.36	0.942	-1.03	0.36	<b>0.016</b>
			unlabeled	-	-	-	-1.21	0.35	<b>0.002</b>
		> 100	none	0.12	0.35	0.982	-0.93	0.35	<b>0.029</b>
			unlabeled	-	-	-	-1.05	0.34	<b>0.009</b>
Nucleus area <sup>b</sup>	0 Gy	< 50	none	0.35	0.38	0.739	-1.13	0.42	<b>0.028</b>
			unlabeled	-	-	-	-1.49	0.44	<b>0.003</b>
		50 - 100	none	0.28	0.36	0.815	-1.04	0.40	<b>0.031</b>
			unlabeled	-	-	-	-1.33	0.41	<b>0.005</b>
		> 100	none	0.24	0.35	0.879	-0.88	0.39	0.078
			unlabeled	-	-	-	-1.11	0.40	<b>0.020</b>
	2 Gy	< 50	none	-0.01	0.02	0.964	-0.09	0.02	<b>&lt;0.001</b>
			unlabeled	-	-	-	-0.08	0.02	<b>&lt;0.001</b>
		50 - 100	none	-0.01	0.02	0.917	-0.06	0.02	<b>0.005</b>
			unlabeled	-	-	-	-0.05	0.02	<b>0.021</b>
		> 100	none	-0.01	0.02	0.901	-0.05	0.02	0.086
			unlabeled	-	-	-	-0.04	0.02	0.274
	4 Gy	< 50	none	-0.02	0.02	0.713	-0.08	0.02	<b>&lt;0.001</b>
			unlabeled	-	-	-	-0.07	0.02	<b>0.003</b>
		50 - 100	none	-0.01	0.02	0.969	-0.07	0.02	<b>0.002</b>
			unlabeled	-	-	-	-0.06	0.02	<b>0.005</b>
		> 100	none	0.01	0.02	0.975	-0.04	0.02	0.163
			unlabeled	-	-	-	-0.05	0.02	0.058

Square root transformation of corrected foci<sup>a</sup> and log-transformation of nucleus area<sup>b</sup> were performed. The statistical analysis was done with a linear mixed-effects model followed by Sidak's correction for the multiple comparison. Mean difference (I-J) represents the difference of marginal means estimated from the linear mixed effects model.

**Table S7** Top 20 differentially expressed DNA damage response related genes in the treated groups relative to the untreated group determined by nSolver™

Genes	Log2 fold change	Std error (log2)	Lower confidence limit (log2)	Upper confidence limit (log2)	p-value	Adj. p value
Unlabeled Cetuximab vs. Control	XPC	0.82	0.22	0.39	1.25	0.00108
	CCND1	-0.43	0.12	-0.66	-0.20	0.00114
	XRCC1	-0.34	0.09	-0.53	-0.16	0.00122
	RBL2	0.38	0.12	0.16	0.61	0.00304
	CHEK2	-0.32	0.10	-0.52	-0.13	0.00322
	MCM3	-0.47	0.15	-0.77	-0.17	0.0048
	CDK8	-0.26	0.08	-0.42	-0.09	0.00564
	NTHL1	-0.41	0.14	-0.67	-0.14	0.00669
	CCNO	-1.40	0.49	-2.34	-0.43	0.00874
	CDK5R1	-0.47	0.16	-0.79	-0.14	0.00912
	CKS2	-0.33	0.12	-0.57	-0.09	0.0116
	CCNF	-0.55	0.20	-0.95	-0.15	0.0121
	LIG4	0.31	0.12	0.08	0.53	0.0136
	PARP4	0.27	0.10	0.07	0.47	0.0137
	CDK1	-0.42	0.16	-0.73	-0.11	0.015
	RB1	-0.20	0.08	-0.34	-0.05	0.0157
	MCM5	-0.51	0.20	-0.89	-0.12	0.0166
	CDK2	-0.33	0.13	-0.58	-0.08	0.0175
	CCNB1	-0.60	0.24	-1.07	-0.13	0.0191
	AURKB	-0.54	0.22	-0.97	-0.11	0.0213
<sup>90</sup> Y-Cetuximab vs. Control	GADD45A	1.18	0.14	0.90	1.45	1.35E-08
	CDKN1A	1.22	0.16	0.90	1.53	7.96E-08
	PTEN	-0.63	0.11	-0.86	-0.41	9.55E-06
	CDKN2C	-1.05	0.21	-1.47	-0.63	4.91E-05
	SKP2	-0.59	0.12	-0.82	-0.35	5.27E-05
	NKX3-1	0.89	0.20	0.51	1.29	0.000145
	LIG4	0.51	0.12	0.29	0.74	0.000158
	CCND1	0.52	0.12	0.29	0.74	0.000159
	MDM2	0.53	0.12	0.29	0.76	0.000198
	CCNE1	0.66	0.15	0.36	0.96	0.000207
	CCND3	0.48	0.11	0.27	0.70	0.000211
	PARP3	0.63	0.15	0.34	0.92	0.000261
	RECQL	0.45	0.11	0.24	0.67	0.000393
	SERTAD1	0.43	0.10	0.22	0.67	0.000406
	POLD4	0.49	0.12	0.25	0.74	0.000601
	CASP8	0.56	0.15	0.26	0.86	0.00115
	MYD88	0.94	0.26	0.43	1.45	0.00132
	RAD23A	-0.23	0.06	-0.35	-0.11	0.00133
	PIK3R1	0.43	0.12	0.20	0.67	0.00141
	ERCC4	0.61	0.18	0.27	0.96	0.002
						0.129

**Table S7.** *continued.*

Genes	Log2 fold change	Std error (log2)	Lower confidence limit (log2)	Upper confidence limit (log2)	p-value	Adj. p value
Irradiation (4Gy) vs. Control	<i>SKP2</i>	-0.51	0.12	-0.74	-0.27	0.000282
	<i>CDKN1A</i>	0.62	0.16	0.31	0.94	0.00073
	<i>GADD45A</i>	0.54	0.14	0.27	0.82	0.000748
	<i>LIG4</i>	0.44	0.12	0.21	0.66	0.000878
	<i>MDM2</i>	0.39	0.12	0.15	0.62	0.00379
	<i>SERTAD1</i>	0.31	0.10	0.10	0.51	0.0071
	<i>PARP4</i>	0.29	0.10	0.09	0.49	0.00811
	<i>TREX1</i>	-0.33	0.13	-0.58	-0.08	0.0159
	<i>BCL2L1</i>	0.47	0.18	0.11	0.83	0.0176
	<i>PARP3</i>	0.37	0.15	0.08	0.66	0.0203
	<i>CCNF</i>	-0.50	0.20	-0.90	-0.10	0.0211
	<i>NFKB1</i>	0.29	0.12	0.06	0.52	0.0217
	<i>PTEN</i>	-0.26	0.11	-0.48	-0.04	0.0297
	<i>CCNE1</i>	0.35	0.15	0.05	0.65	0.0304
	<i>MKI67</i>	-0.46	0.20	-0.86	-0.06	0.034
	<i>TP53</i>	0.78	0.35	0.09	1.46	0.037
	<i>MYC</i>	0.20	0.10	0.01	0.39	0.0469
	<i>PIK3CA</i>	0.28	0.14	0.01	0.54	0.0505
	<i>PCNA</i>	-0.26	0.13	-0.51	-0.01	0.0524
	<i>POLD4</i>	0.25	0.13	0.01	0.50	0.0525
Irradiation (4Gy) + Unlabeled Cetuximab vs. Control	<i>RBL2</i>	0.49	0.12	0.27	0.72	0.000288
	<i>LIG4</i>	0.48	0.12	0.26	0.70	0.000335
	<i>CCNF</i>	-0.84	0.20	-1.24	-0.44	0.000406
	<i>MCM3</i>	-0.53	0.15	-0.82	-0.23	0.00191
	<i>MKI67</i>	-0.67	0.20	-1.07	-0.27	0.0031
	<i>SERTAD1</i>	0.34	0.10	0.14	0.54	0.00329
	<i>XPC</i>	0.72	0.22	0.28	1.15	0.0035
	<i>CKS2</i>	-0.38	0.12	-0.61	-0.14	0.00443
	<i>XRCC1</i>	-0.29	0.09	-0.47	-0.10	0.00545
	<i>SKP2</i>	-0.36	0.12	-0.59	-0.13	0.00611
	<i>PARP4</i>	0.28	0.10	0.08	0.48	0.0101
	<i>HDAC2</i>	0.55	0.20	0.16	0.94	0.0106
	<i>E2F4</i>	-0.29	0.11	-0.50	-0.08	0.0115
	<i>PARP3</i>	0.40	0.15	0.11	0.69	0.0123
	<i>CDKN1A</i>	0.43	0.16	0.11	0.74	0.014
	<i>CDK2</i>	-0.34	0.13	-0.59	-0.08	0.0157
	<i>MDM2</i>	0.31	0.12	0.08	0.55	0.0157
	<i>RMI1</i>	-0.24	0.09	-0.43	-0.06	0.017
	<i>SLFN11</i>	-0.43	0.17	-0.75	-0.10	0.0185
	<i>PIK3CA</i>	0.34	0.13	0.07	0.60	0.0192

**Table S7.** *continued.*

Genes	Log2 fold change	Std error (log2)	Lower confidence limit (log2)	Upper confidence limit (log2)	p-value	Adj. p value
Irradiation (4Gy) + <sup>90</sup> Y-Cetuximab vs. Control	<i>GADD45A</i>	1.23	0.14	0.96	1.51	5.95E-09
	<i>CDKN1A</i>	1.09	0.16	0.78	1.41	4.74E-07
	<i>MDM2</i>	0.80	0.12	0.56	1.03	7.40E-07
	<i>LIG4</i>	0.74	0.11	0.52	0.96	9.96E-07
	<i>SKP2</i>	-0.76	0.12	-0.99	-0.52	1.70E-06
	<i>PTEN</i>	-0.64	0.11	-0.86	-0.42	8.55E-06
	<i>NTHL1</i>	-0.76	0.14	-1.04	-0.49	1.28E-05
	<i>RAD23A</i>	-0.33	0.06	-0.46	-0.21	2.02E-05
	<i>PARP3</i>	0.72	0.15	0.43	1	5.54E-05
	<i>POLD4</i>	0.60	0.12	0.35	0.84	6.96E-05
	<i>UBE2T</i>	-0.77	0.16	-1.09	-0.45	9.15E-05
	<i>CDKN2C</i>	-0.96	0.21	-1.37	-0.54	0.000152
	<i>STMN1</i>	-0.62	0.14	-0.90	-0.34	0.000218
	<i>RPA1</i>	-0.44	0.10	-0.64	-0.24	0.000273
	<i>PCNA</i>	-0.54	0.13	-0.79	-0.29	0.000276
	<i>AURKA</i>	-0.85	0.20	-1.24	-0.46	0.000297
	<i>MKI67</i>	-0.86	0.20	-1.26	-0.46	0.000301
	<i>SERTAD1</i>	0.44	0.10	0.23	0.64	0.000301
	<i>SUMO3</i>	-0.42	0.10	-0.62	-0.22	0.000343
	<i>PARP1</i>	-0.80	0.19	-1.18	-0.42	0.000365

**Table S8** Functional annotation analysis of genes that significantly up- and downregulated upon monotherapy of <sup>90</sup>Y-Cetuximab

	Term	Count	%	p value	Genes	List Total	Pop Hits	Fold Enrichment	Adjusted p-values (Benjamini-Hochberg)	FDR
Upregulation	hsa04115: p53 signaling pathway	6	54.55	4.12E-09	CCND3, CDKN1A, CCND1, CCNE1, GADD45A, MDM2	9	67	68.45	1.77E-07	1.24E-07
	hsa04110: Cell cycle	6	54.55	9.42E-08	CCND3, CDKN1A, CCND1, CCNE1, GADD45A, MDM2	9	124	36.98	2.02E-06	1.41E-06
	hsa05215: Prostate cancer	5	45.45	1.68E-06	CDKN1A, CCND1, CCNE1, MDM2, NKX3-1	9	88	43.43	2.41E-05	1.68E-05
	hsa05203: Viral carcinogenesis	5	45.45	4.88E-05	CCND3, CDKN1A, CCND1, CCNE1, MDM2	9	205	18.64	5.25E-04	3.66E-04
	hsa04151: PI3K-Akt signaling pathway	5	45.45	3.71E-04	CCND3, CDKN1A, CCND1, CCNE1, MDM2	9	345	11.08	0.0027	0.0019
	hsa04068: FoxO signaling pathway	4	36.36	3.77E-04	CDKN1A, CCND1, GADD45A, MDM2	9	134	22.82	0.0027	0.0019
	hsa05200: Pathways in cancer	5	45.45	6.11E-04	CDKN1A, CCND1, CCNE1, MDM2, NKX3-1	9	393	9.72	0.0037	0.0026
	hsa05219: Bladder cancer	3	27.27	9.49E-04	CDKN1A, CCND1, MDM2	9	41	55.93	0.0051	0.0036
	hsa05214: Glioma	3	27.27	0.0024	CDKN1A, CCND1, MDM2	9	65	35.28	0.0113	0.0079
	hsa05218: Melanoma	3	27.27	0.0028	CDKN1A, CCND1, MDM2	9	71	32.30	0.0113	0.0079
	hsa05220: Chronic myeloid leukemia	3	27.27	0.0029	CDKN1A, CCND1, MDM2	9	72	31.84	0.0113	0.0079
	hsa05206: MicroRNAs in cancer	4	36.36	0.0034	CDKN1A, CCND1, CCNE1, MDM2	9	286	10.69	0.0122	0.0085
	hsa05162: Measles	3	27.27	0.0096	CCND3, CCND1, CCNE1	9	133	17.24	0.0318	0.0222
	hsa05161: Hepatitis B	3	27.27	0.0114	CDKN1A, CCND1, CCNE1	9	145	15.81	0.0349	0.0243
	hsa05205: Proteoglycans in cancer	3	27.27	0.0210	CDKN1A, CCND1, MDM2	9	200	11.47	0.0601	0.0419
	hsa05166: HTLV-I infection	3	27.27	0.0328	CCND3, CDKN1A, CCND1	9	254	9.028	0.0882	0.0615
	hsa05222: Small cell lung cancer	2	18.18	0.0947	CCND1, CCNE1	9	85	17.98	0.2396	0.1671
Downregulation	hsa05222: Small cell lung cancer	2	66.67	0.0246	PTEN, SKP2	3	85	53.95	0.3215	0.3215
	hsa04110: Cell cycle	2	66.67	0.0357	CDKN2C, SKP2	3	124	36.98	0.3215	0.3215
	hsa04068: FoxO signaling pathway	2	66.67	0.0386	PTEN, SKP2	3	134	34.22	0.3215	0.3215

\* The analysis was performed using an online tool for functional annotation (DAVID Bioinformatics Resources 6.8). KEGG pathway was used as the reference database.

**Table S9** Functional annotation analysis of genes that significantly up- and downregulated upon the combination therapy of <sup>90</sup>Y-Cetuximab and external tumor irradiation of 4 Gy

Term	Count	%	p value	Genes	List Total	Pop Hits	Fold Enrichment	Adjusted p-values (Benjamini-Hochberg)	FDR	
Upregulation	hsa03420: Nucleotide excision repair	3	27.27	0.0012	POLD4, ERCC4, ERCC6	9	47	48.79	0.0416	0.0329
	hsa04115: p53 signaling pathway	3	27.27	0.0025	CDKN1A, GADD45A, MDM2	9	67	34.22	0.0416	0.0329
	hsa05220: Chronic myeloid leukemia	3	27.27	0.0029	CDKN1A, MDM2, BCL2L1	9	72	31.85	0.0416	0.0329
	hsa04110: Cell cycle	3	27.27	0.0084	CDKN1A, GADD45A, MDM2	9	124	18.49	0.0840	0.0664
	hsa04068: FoxO signaling pathway	3	27.27	0.0098	CDKN1A, GADD45A, MDM2	9	134	17.11	0.0840	0.0664
	hsa05202: Transcriptional misregulation in cancer	3	27.27	0.0149	CDKN1A, MDM2, BCL2L1	9	167	13.73	0.1068	0.0844
	hsa05166: HTLV-I infection	3	27.27	0.0328	POLD4, CDKN1A, BCL2L1	9	254	9.03	0.2016	0.1594
	hsa03410: Base excision repair	2	18.18	0.0378	POLD4, PARP3	9	33	46.32	0.2030	0.1605
	hsa05219: Bladder cancer	2	18.18	0.0467	CDKN1A, MDM2	9	41	37.28	0.2232	0.1765
	hsa04151: PI3K-Akt signaling pathway	3	27.27	0.0575	CDKN1A, MDM2, BCL2L1	9	345	6.65	0.2471	0.1954
	hsa05200: Pathways in cancer	3	27.27	0.0725	CDKN1A, MDM2, BCL2L1	9	393	5.83	0.2622	0.2073
	hsa05214: Glioma	2	18.18	0.0732	CDKN1A, MDM2	9	65	23.52	0.2622	0.2073
	hsa05218: Melanoma	2	18.18	0.0797	CDKN1A, MDM2	9	71	21.53	0.2636	0.2084
	hsa05215: Prostate cancer	2	18.18	0.0979	CDKN1A, MDM2	9	88	17.37	0.3008	0.2378
Downregulation	hsa03410: Base excision repair	4	20	6.53E-05	PCNA, PARP1, NTHL1, APEX1	18	33	46.32	0.0026	0.0024
	hsa04110: Cell cycle	5	25	2.00E-04	RB1, CCNB2, CDKN2C, PCNA, SKP2	18	124	15.41	0.0036	0.0034
	hsa03460: Fanconi anemia pathway	4	20	2.72E-04	RM12, RAD51C, UBE2T, RPA1	18	53	28.84	0.0036	0.0034
	hsa05222: Small cell lung cancer	4	20	0.0011	RB1, PTEN, CKS2, SKP2	18	85	17.98	0.0109	0.0101
	hsa03420: Nucleotide excision repair	3	15	0.0058	PCNA, RPA1, RAD23A	18	47	24.39	0.0466	0.0431
	hsa04068: FoxO signaling pathway	3	15	0.0423	CCNB2, PTEN, SKP2	18	134	8.56	0.2770	0.2563
	hsa05161: Hepatitis B	3	15	0.0488	RB1, PCNA, PTEN	18	145	7.91	0.2770	0.2563
	hsa03430: Mismatch repair	2	10	0.0554	PCNA, RPA1	18	23	33.23	0.2770	0.2563
	hsa05200: Pathways in cancer	4	20	0.0693	RB1, PTEN, CKS2, SKP2	18	393	3.89	0.2775	0.2567
	hsa03440: Homologous recombination	2	10	0.0694	RAD51C, RPA1	18	29	26.36	0.2775	0.2567
	hsa03030: DNA replication	2	10	0.0854	PCNA, RPA1	18	36	21.23	0.3107	0.2874

\* The analysis was performed using an online tool for functional annotation (DAVID Bioinformatics Resources 6.8). KEGG PATHWAY was used as the reference database.