Supplementary Materials

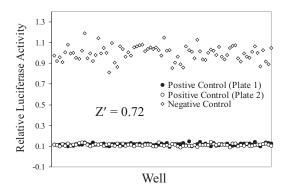


Fig S1. The reporter assay based on the integrated MDMX promoter is highly reproducible and suitable for high-throughput drug screening. Recombinant cells carrying the integrated MDMX promoter were plated into two 96-well plates, treated with 1 μ M of actinomycin D (positive control, 2 plates) or DMSO (negative control, 1 plate) for 6 h, and lysed for luciferase activity assays. The assay results from the two positive-control plates were combined and used to calculate Z' as described previously (34).

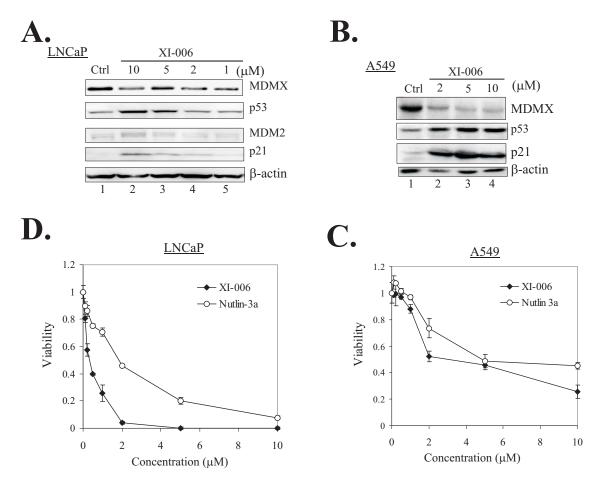


Fig S2. XI-006 activates p53 and induces death of LNCaP and A549. A & B, LNCaP (**A**) or A549 (**B**) cells were treated with XI-006 for 24 h as indicated, and subjected to immunoblotting. **C & D,** LNCaP (**C**) or A549 (**D**) cells were treated with XI-006 for 4 days and subjected to MTT assays to measure cell viability.

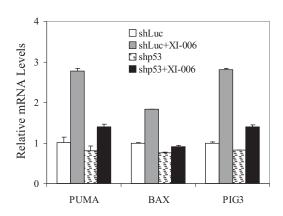


Fig S3. Knockdown of p53 expression impairs proapoptotic gene expression induced by XI-006 MCF-7 cells infected with Lentiviruses expressing a p53-specific shRNA (shp53) or shLuc were treated with 2 μ M of XI-006 overnight and lysed for qRT-PCR assays to measure the mRNA levels of the indicated pro-apoptotic genes.

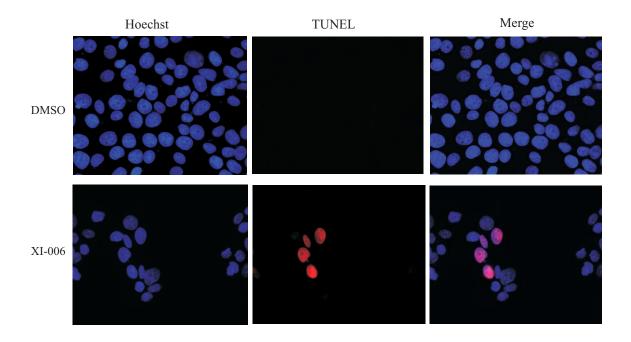


Fig S4. XI-006 induces apoptosis. MCF-7 cells treated with 10 μ M of XI-006 or DMSO for 48 h were fixed in 4% paraformadelhyde, and then incubated with TMR Red-labeled dUTP in the presence of terminal deoxynucleotidyl transferase.

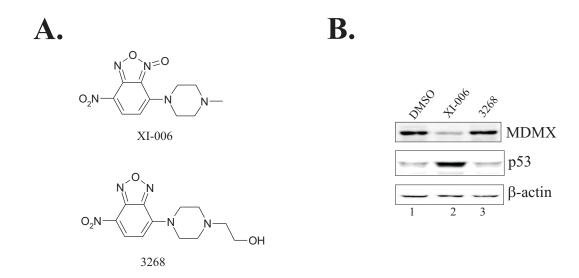


Fig S5. An XI-006 analog incapable of inhibiting MDMX expression is devoid of p53-activating activity. A, Structures of XI-006 and the analog. B, MCF-7 cells were treated with 5 μ M of XI-006 or compound 3268 for 24 h, and subjected to immunoblotting assays.

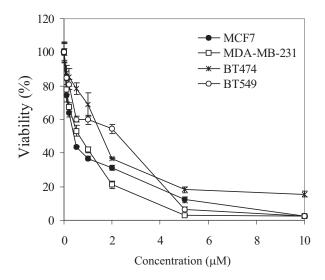


Fig S6. XI-006 decreases the viability of p53-mutated breast cancer cells. The indicated breast cancer cells were treated with XI-006 for 3 days followed by MTT assays to measure cell viability.

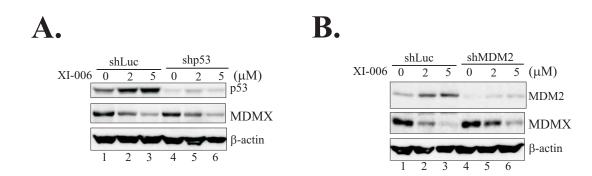


Fig S7. Inhibition of MDMX expression by XI-006 is not a consequence of p53 *trans*-activation or MDM2 induction. MCF-7 cells infected with shLuc, shp53 (A), or shMDM2 (B) were treated with the indicated amounts of XI-006 for 24 h, and lysed for immunoblotting assays.