

a, Changes in intracellular ROS levels following over-expression of *MDM2* cDNA in five human cell lines. The *MDM2* cDNA driven by either strong CMV promoter, or by

approximately 10-fold weaker promoter of human p53 gene (NP) was introduced by lentiviral transfer. Levels of *MDM2* transcripts were monitored by RT-PCR along with control transcripts for β-actin (lower panel). Note that in U2OS cells where *MDM2* gene is initially over-expressed due to gene amplification the introduction of exogenous hdm2 does not affect ROS levels. ROS levels were analyzed by DCF staining and FACS-analysis and are expressed as the mean ± sem intensity of cell fluorescence. *P<0.07, **P<0.03 and *P>0,95 compared to the corresponding cells with control vector by Student's t test; **b**, ROS levels in mouse lung fibroblasts isolated from wild-type and p53-/- mice. **c**, Lentiviral constructs expressing different p53-controlled cDNAs were introduced to RKO cells. Forty-eight hours after infection intracellular ROS were detected by DCF staining and FACS-analysis. *P=0.97, **P<0.05 compared to the cells with control vector by Student's t test.