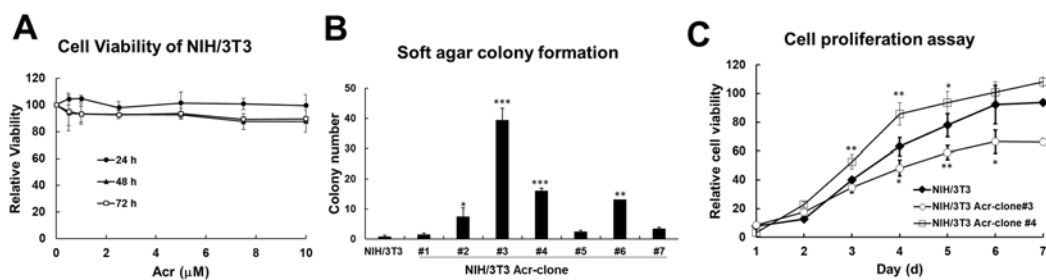


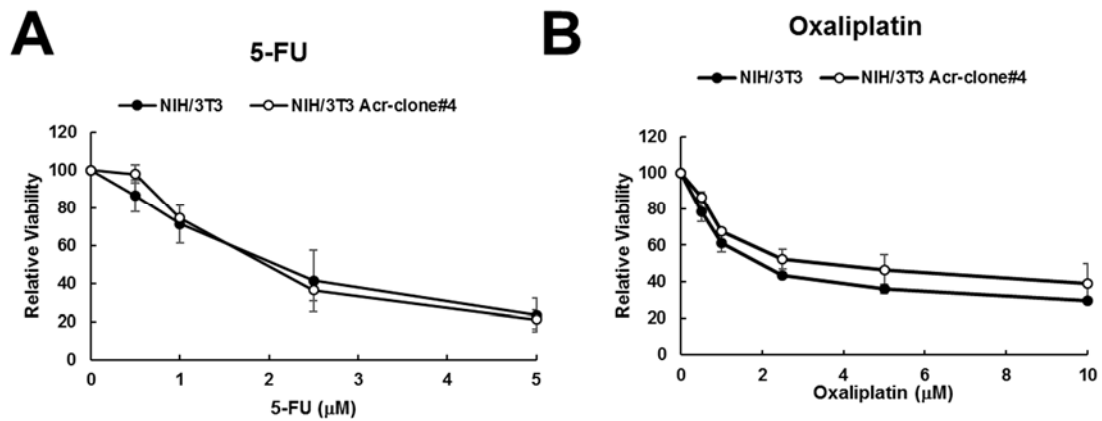
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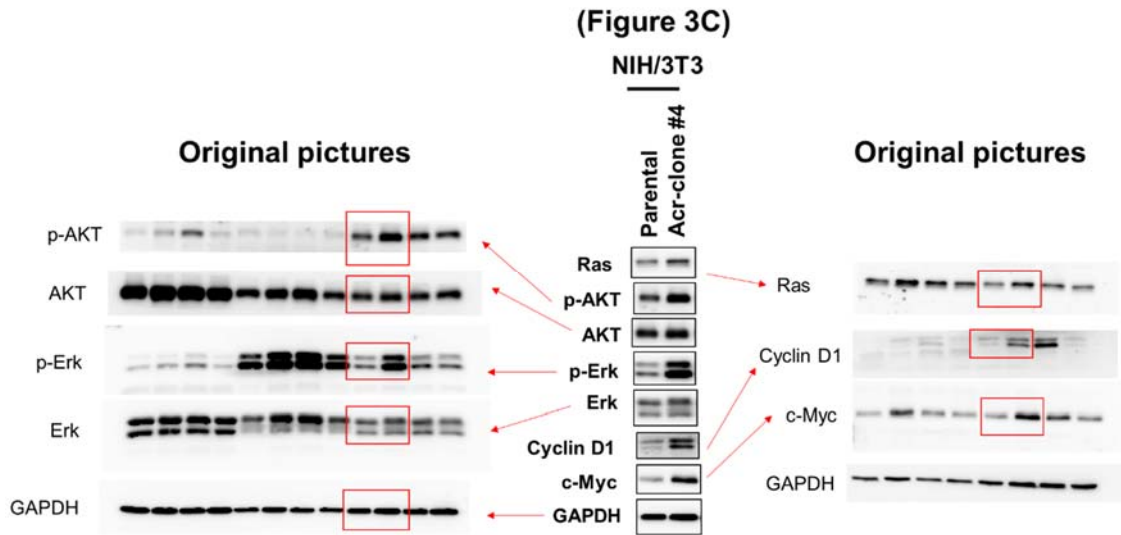
### Supplementary Figures



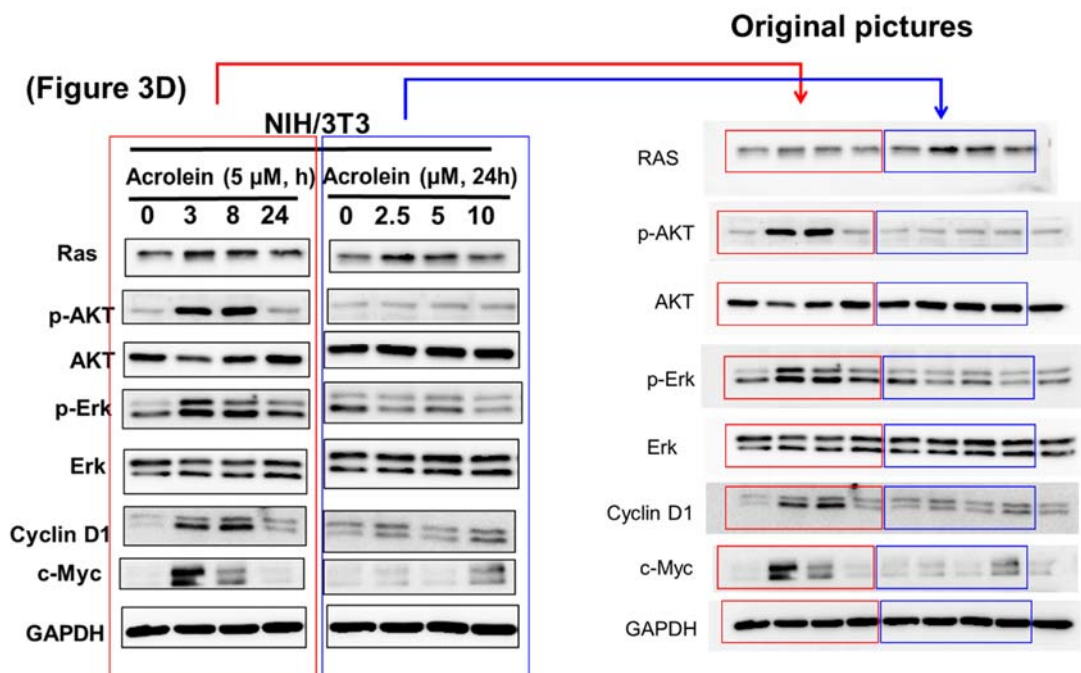
**Supplementary Figure 1. Selection of NIH/3T3 Acr-clones using low dose of acrolein treatment for 1 month.** NIH/3T3 cells were treated acrolein (Acr, 7.5  $\mu\text{M}$ ) for one month and named as NIH/3T3 Acr-clone#. (A) Cell viability of NIH/3T3 under low dose of acrolein (0-10  $\mu\text{M}$ ) treatment for 1-3 days was analyzed using MTT assays. (B) Anchorage independent cell growth of NIH/3T3 Acr-clone #1-7 was analyzed using soft agar assay. (C) Cell proliferation of NIH/3T3 Acr-clone #3 and #4 compared with parental cells was analyzed using MTT assays.



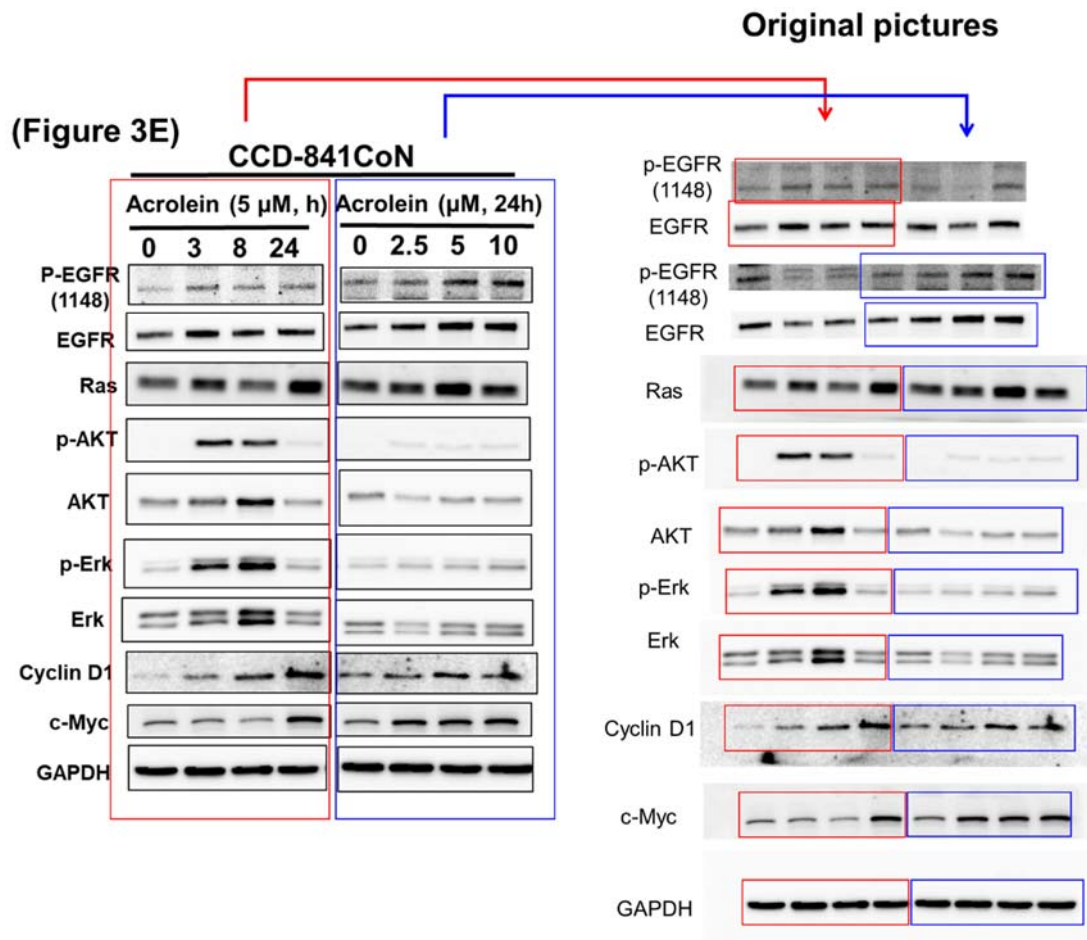
**Supplementary Figure 2. Cytotoxicity of 5-FU and Oxaliplatin in NIH/3T3 parental and NIH/3T3 Acr-clone#4.** Cells were treated with 5-FU (0-5  $\mu\text{M}$ ) and oxaliplatin (0-10  $\mu\text{M}$ ) for 24 h followed by MTT analysis as described in Materials and methods.



**Supplementary Figure 3A. Original Western blots of Figure 3C.** The grouping of blots was cropped from the same samples loaded in two gels with 9 blots.

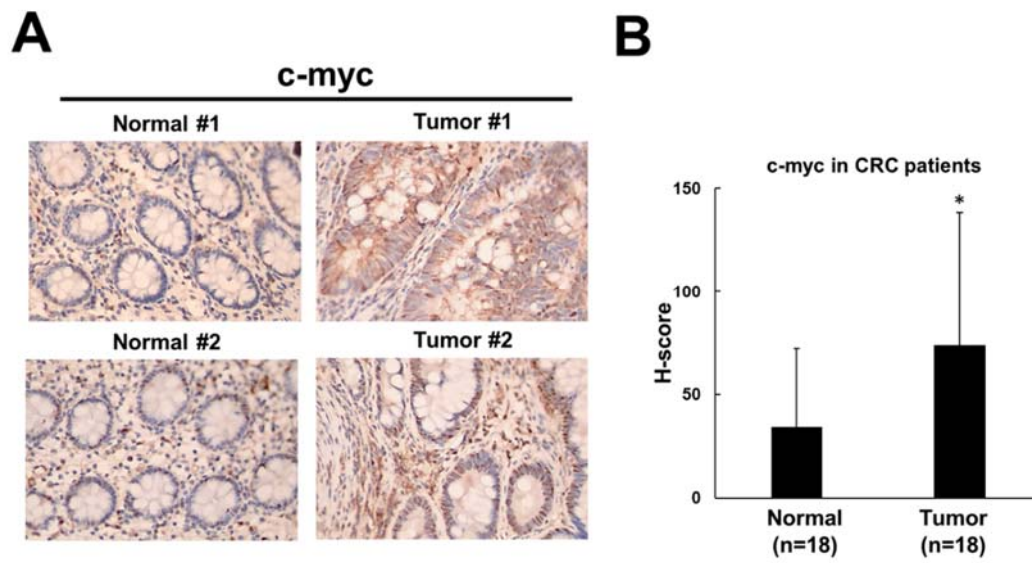


**Supplementary Figure 3B. Original Western blots of Figure 3D.** The grouping of blots was cropped from the same samples loaded in two gels with 8 blots.

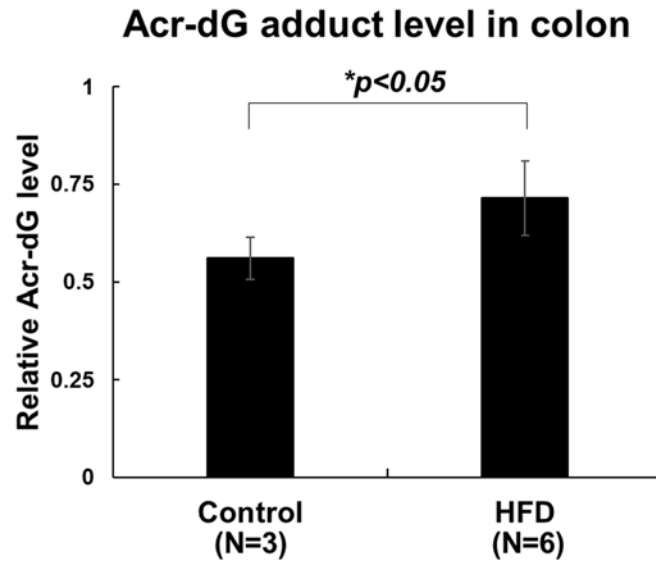


**Supplementary Figure 3C. Original Western blots of Figure 3E.** The grouping of

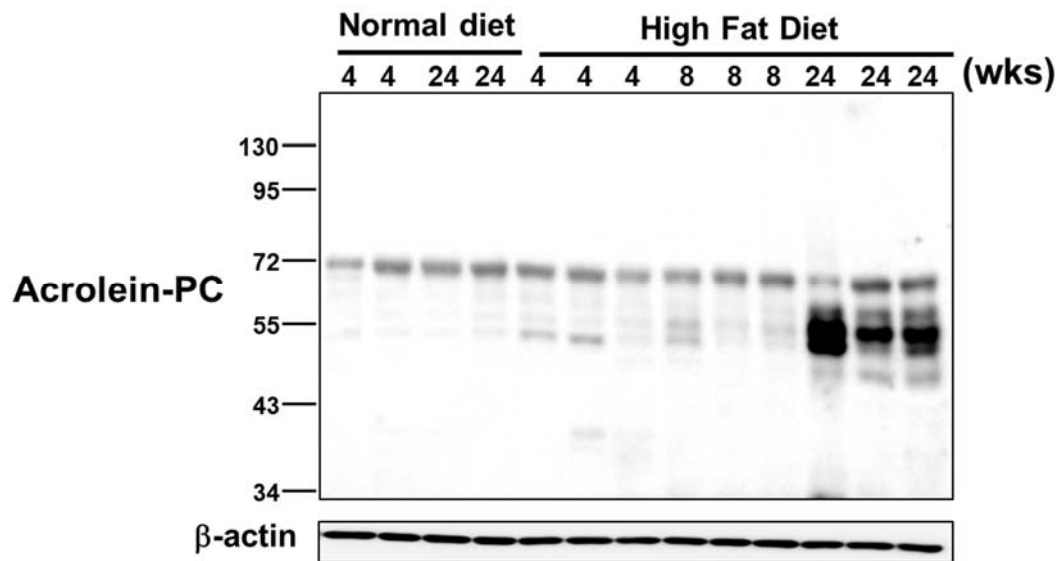
blots was cropped from the same samples loaded in four gels with 12 blots.



**Supplementary Figure 4. Immunohistochemical staining for c-myc in eighteen CRC patients.** (A) Representative image of c-myc in normal epithelial cells adjacent to the CRC tumor tissues. (B) quantification of c-myc in normal epithelial cells adjacent to the CRC tumor tissues (magnification,  $\times 400$ ).

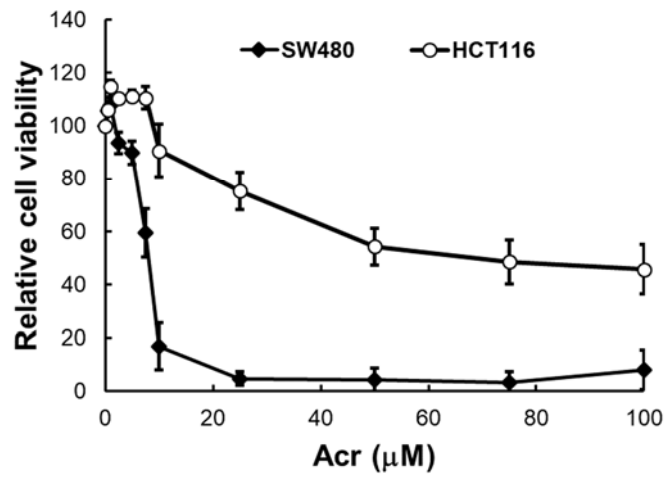


**Supplementary Figure 5. Slot blot analysis for Acr-dG adducts in colon tissues of mice with high fat diet (HFD).** Relative Acr-DNA adduct levels in colon DNA of mice fed with HFD for 24 weeks (n=6) and normal diet (n=3) using slot blot analysis as described previously (1). 6-week-old male Balb/c nude mice, weighing 25-30 g, were fed with high fat diet for 24 weeks and colon tissues were collected after sacrifice. All animal experiments were approved by the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee of National Yang-Ming University.



**Supplementary Figure 6. Expression of acrolein-protein conjugates in colon tissues of mice fed with high fat diet (HFD).** Western blot analysis of acrolein-protein conjugates (Acr-PC) in mixed colon tissues of mice fed with HFD for 4-24 weeks (n=3) compared to mice fed with normal diet (n=2). Animal studies were performed as described in Supplementary Figure 4.

### Cytotoxicity of acrolein in colon cells



**Supplementary Figure 7. Cytotoxicity of acrolein in human colon cancer cell lines,**

**SW480 and HCT116.** Cells were treated with acrolein (0-100 µM) for 24 h followed

by MTT analysis as described in Materials and methods.



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