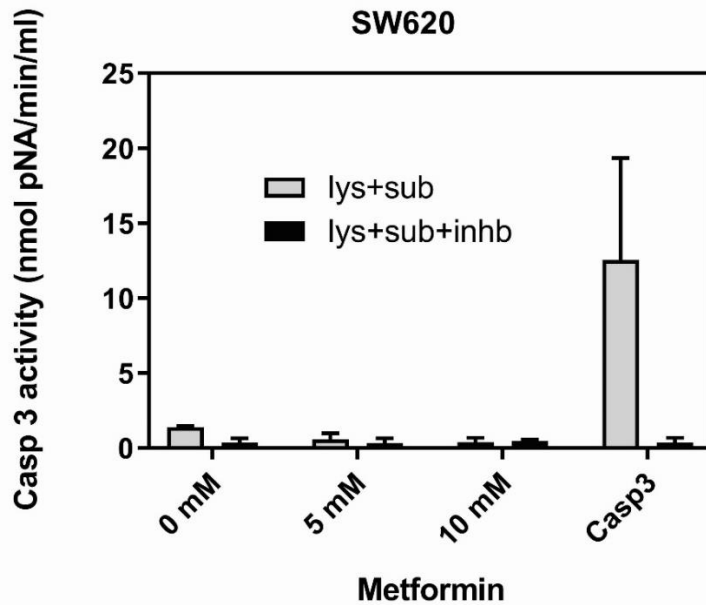


1 **Supplementary Data**

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7 **Figure S1:** Metformin did not induce caspase 3 activity in SW620 cells. For the caspase 3 activity
8 assay, lysates were prepared from 10^7 untreated cells (0 mM metformin), and cells treated with 5
9 mM and 10 mM metformin for 48 hrs. Recombinant caspase 3 (a component of the kit) served as
10 a positive control for the caspase 3 reaction (Casp3). Ten μ l of lysates were applied in one reaction,
11 and each was added with caspase 3 substrate (Ac-DEVD-pNA) and caspase 3 substrate + caspase
12 3 inhibitor (Ac-DEVD-CHO). Caspase 3 activity is presented in nmol pNA/min/ml (Caspase 3 Assay
13 Kit, Sigma #CASP-3-C). Data show mean values \pm SD from three independent experiments.

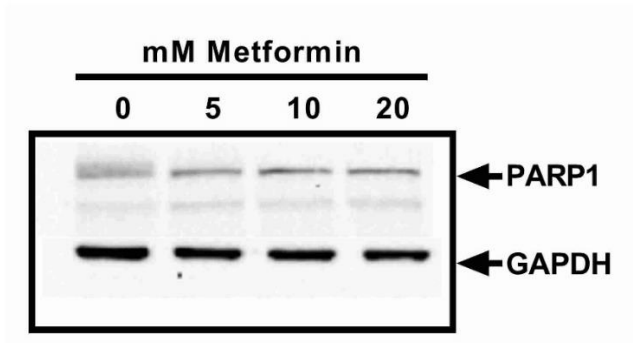
14 **Abbreviations:** lys, lysate; sub, substrate; inhb, inhibitor.

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17 **Supplementary Figure S2**

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21 **Figure S2:** Metformin did not induce PARP1 cleavage in SW620. Cells were treated with 0, 5, 10,
22 and 20 mM metformin for 48 hours. Protein lysates were prepared as mentioned in Materials and
23 Methods. Thirty μ g proteins were loaded on 10% SDS PAGE and separated proteins were
24 transferred onto nitrocellulose membranes. Antibody detections were performed using anti PARP1
25 antibody (#9542, CST) in (1:1000) dilution in blocking buffer. Loading controls for this SW620 blot
26 was GAPDH (anti-GAPDH antibody, #G9545, Sigma). The data shown are representative of three
27 independent experiments.

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