

Figure S1. Low *SPRED2* gene expression correlates with poor survival of patients with breast tumors. (A-F) Kaplan-Meier plots derived from the GOBO database for OS and RFS of all (A,B), ERα+ (C,D) and ERα- (E,F) breast cancer patients classified as having tumors expressing high levels (blue line), intermediate levels (red line) and low levels (grey line) of *SPRED2* mRNA. (G-E) Kaplan-Meier plots derived from the GOBO database for distant metastasis free survival (DMFS) of all (G) ERα+ (H) and ERα- (I) breast cancer patients classified as above.

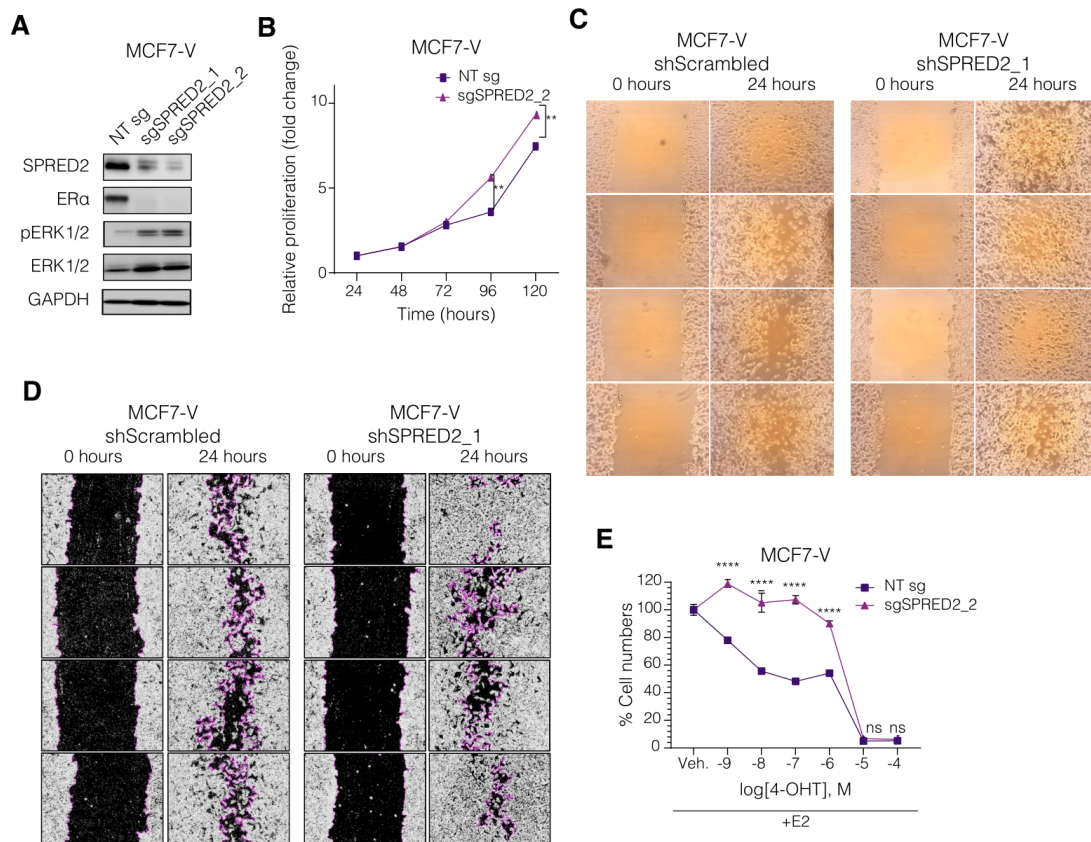


Figure S2. *SPRED2* deficiency enhances cell proliferation, migration, and induces resistance to 4-OHT in ERα+ BC cells. **(A)** Representative immunoblots with specific antibodies showing the efficiency of reducing *SPRED2* levels in MCF7-V cells with the CRISPR/Cas9 system, as well as the protein levels of ERα and MAPK-related proteins. Note that *SPRED2* protein is not completely eliminated indicating only partial sg*SPRED2*-mediated knockouts. Uncropped images of immunoblots with molecular weight standards are in Figure S5. **(B)** Relative proliferation of MCF7-V clones expressing either a non-targeting control (NT sg) or *SPRED2*-targeted (sg*SPRED2*) sgRNA, measured by crystal violet assay in monolayer cultures. The number of cells for each of the them are standardized to the corresponding values at 24 h set to 1. **(C,D)** Raw **(C)** and ImageJ-edited images **(D)** of the four replicates each of the scratch wound healing assays with MCF7-V cells. **(E)** Dose-response curves of MCF7-V cells, with sgRNA-mediated depletion of *SPRED2*, upon treatment with increasing doses of 4-OHT. Asterisks indicate significant differences compared to the NT sg control (ns for $p > 0.05$, * $p \leq 0.05$, ** $p \leq 0.01$, *** $p \leq 0.001$ and **** $p \leq 0.0001$). Statistical significance was determined with a two-way ANOVA.

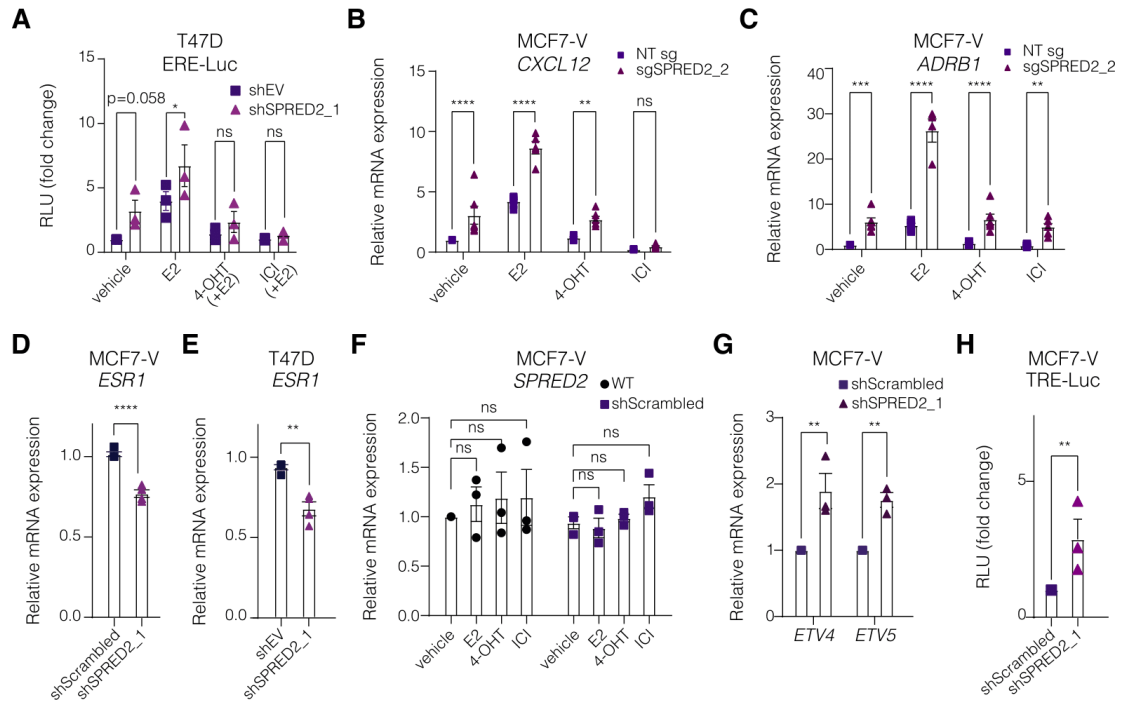


Figure S3. Knockdown of *SPRED2* stimulates ER α transcriptional activity by increasing the activity of the MAPKs ERK1/2. **(A)** Luciferase reporter assay with transiently transfected T47D cells. The activity of endogenous ER α was monitored with the ERE-Luc reporter plasmid. RLUs are relative to the activities of the internal transfection standard Renilla luciferase. Graphs are based on n=3 independent experiments. **(B,C)** Expression of ER α target genes in MCF7-V sgRNA clones; mRNA levels were analyzed by RT-qPCR following 6 h of treatments as indicated; n=3 independent experiments. **(D,E)** Expression levels of *ESR1* (ER α) mRNA determined by RT-qPCR with the indicated MCF7-V **(D)** and T47D **(E)** samples. **(F)** Expression levels of *SPRED2* mRNA in the untransfected parent (WT) MCF7-V cells and in shScrambled MCF7-V cells, measured with RT-qPCR. **(G)** Expression levels of the ERK1/2 target genes *ETV4* and *ETV5* in MCF7-V cells as indicated, measured with RT-qPCR. **(H)** Luciferase reporter assay with transiently transfected MCF7-V cells expressing the indicated shRNAs. The activity of AP-1 was monitored with the TRE-Luc reporter plasmid and expressed as RLU relative to the activities of the internal transfection standard Renilla luciferase. Graphs are based on n=3 independent experiments. All error bars represent the standard errors of the means (mean \pm SEM). For luciferase assays, asterisks indicate significant differences compared to control cells transduced with empty vector (shEV) (T47D) or viruses for expression of negative control shRNA (shScrambled) (MCF7-V). The data of each bar graph were standardized to the values of the vehicle-treated non-targeted control samples set to 1. For RT-qPCR graphs, asterisks indicate significant differences compared to the NT sg cells (ns for $p > 0.05$, * $p \leq 0.05$, ** $p \leq 0.01$, *** $p \leq 0.001$ and **** $p \leq 0.0001$). Statistical significance was determined with a two-way ANOVA **(F)** and a two-tailed unpaired t-test for all other panels.

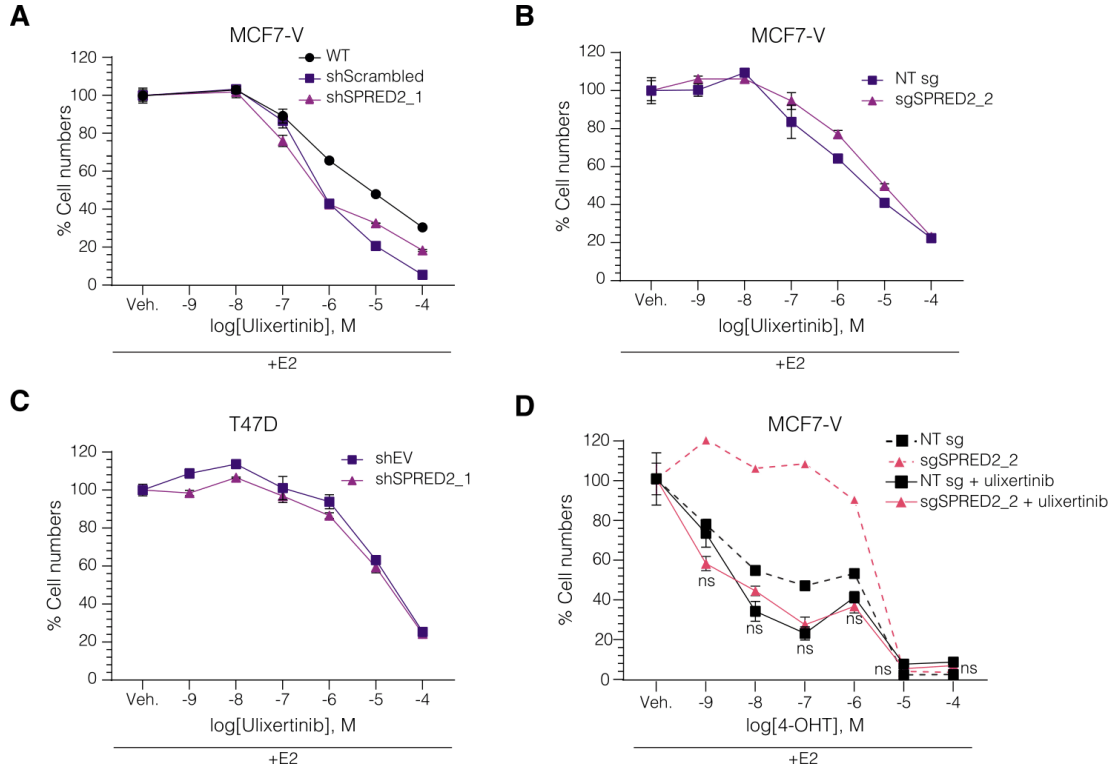


Figure S4. Ulixertinib resensitizes SPRED2-deficient BC cells to 4-OHT. **(A-C)** Dose-response curves with increasing doses of ulixertinib in MCF7-V **(A,B)** and T47D **(C)** cells. IC10 to IC20 doses of ulixertinib were chosen for combination treatments, i.e. 100 nM for MCF7-V and 300 nM for T47D cells. WT, parent MCF7-V cells. **(D)** Dose-response curves with increasing doses of 4-OHT in combination with 100 nM ulixertinib for MCF7-V. The dashed curves indicate the response to 4-OHT without ulixertinib, copied from Supplementary Figure S2E for comparison. All error bars represent the standard errors of the means (mean \pm SEM). Asterisks indicate significant differences compared to the NT sg cells (ns $p > 0.05$, * $p \leq 0.05$, ** $p \leq 0.01$, *** $p \leq 0.001$ and **** $p \leq 0.0001$). Statistical significance was determined with a two-way ANOVA.

Figure S5. Uncropped images of immunoblots with molecular weight standards.

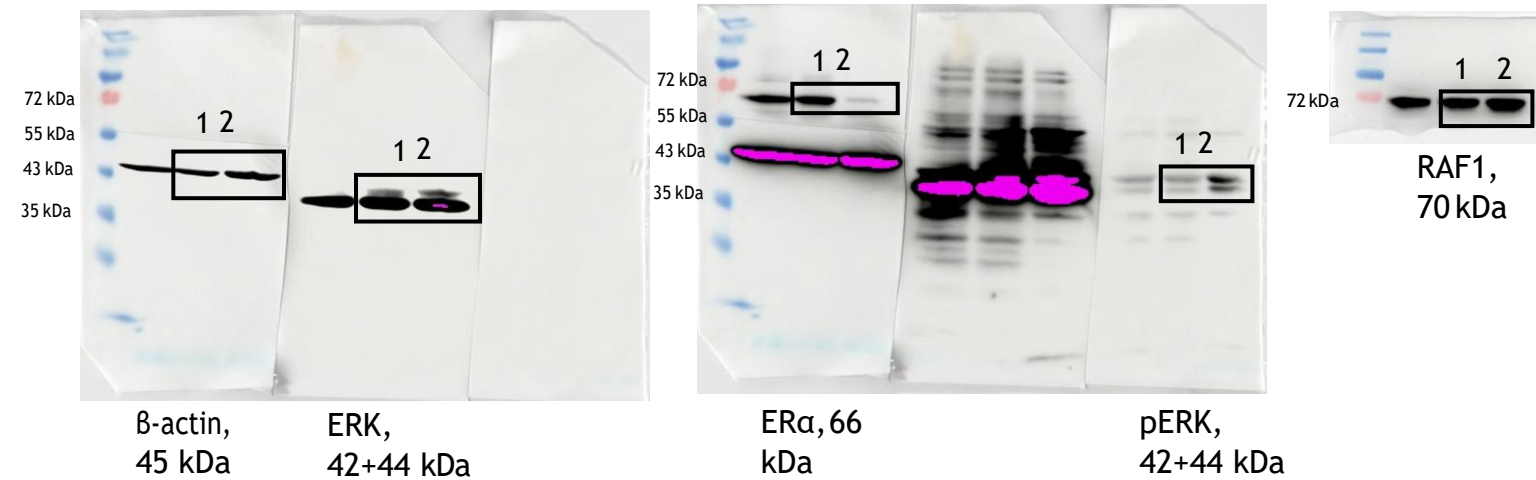
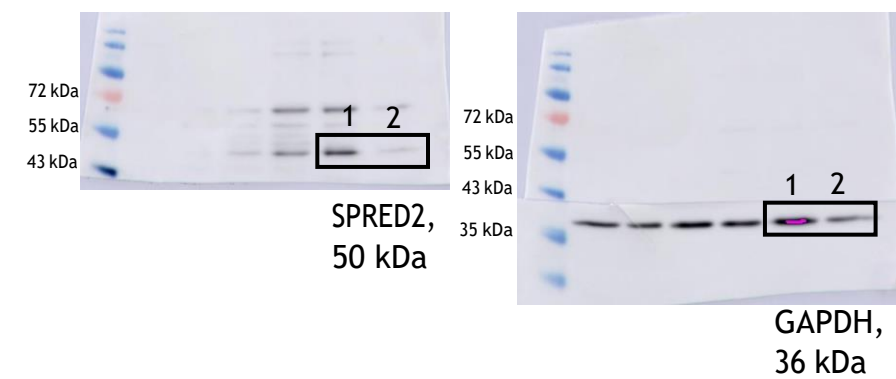
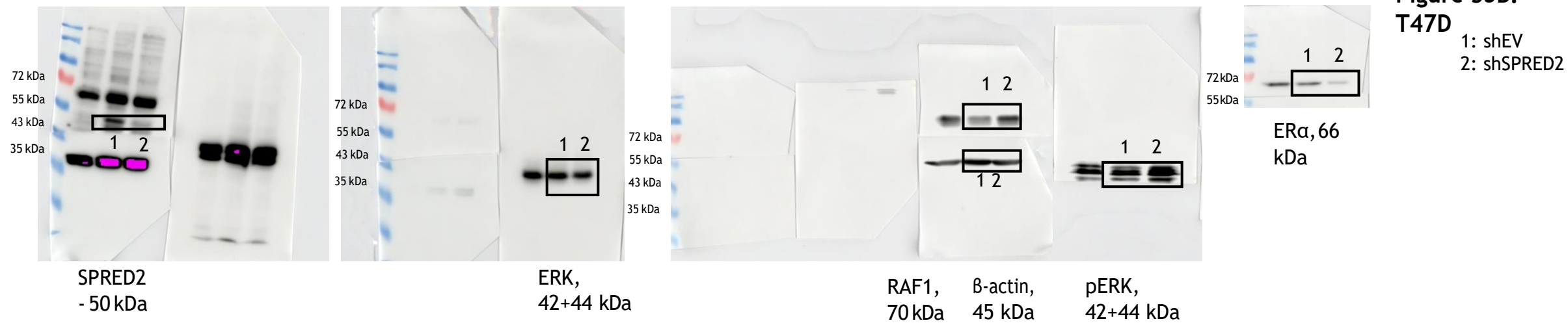
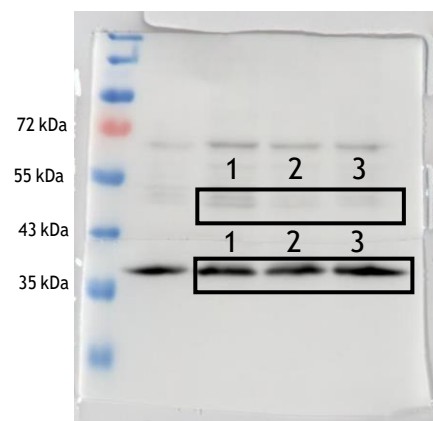


Figure S3A:
MCF7-V

1: shScr
2: shSPRED2

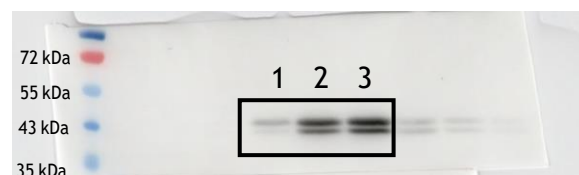




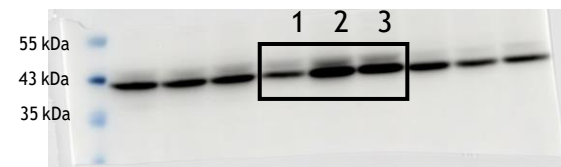


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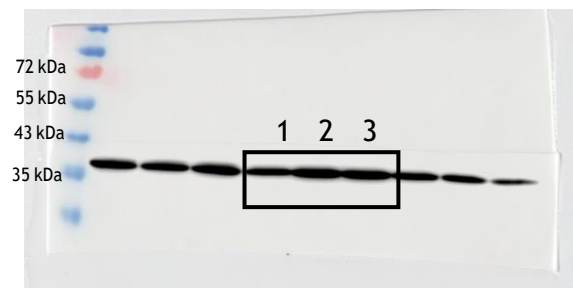
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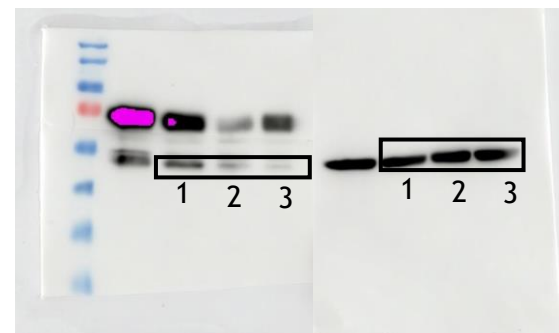
ERK,
42+44 kDa



ERα, 66
kDa



GAPDH,
36 kDa



SPRED2
- 50 kDa

β-actin -
50 kDa

Figure S2A:
MCF7-V

- 1: NT sg
- 2: sgSPRED2 (1)
- 3: sgSPRED2 (2)

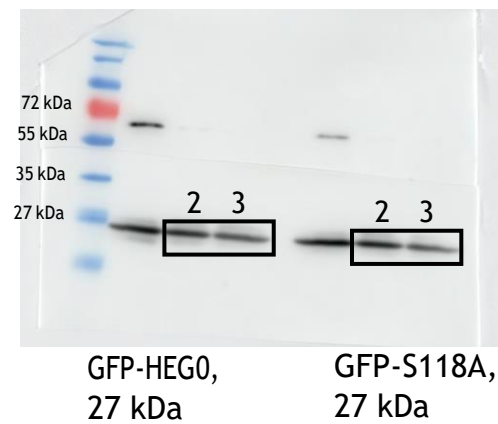
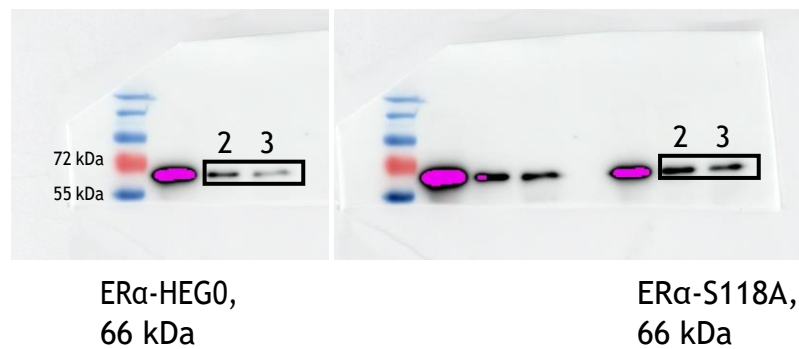
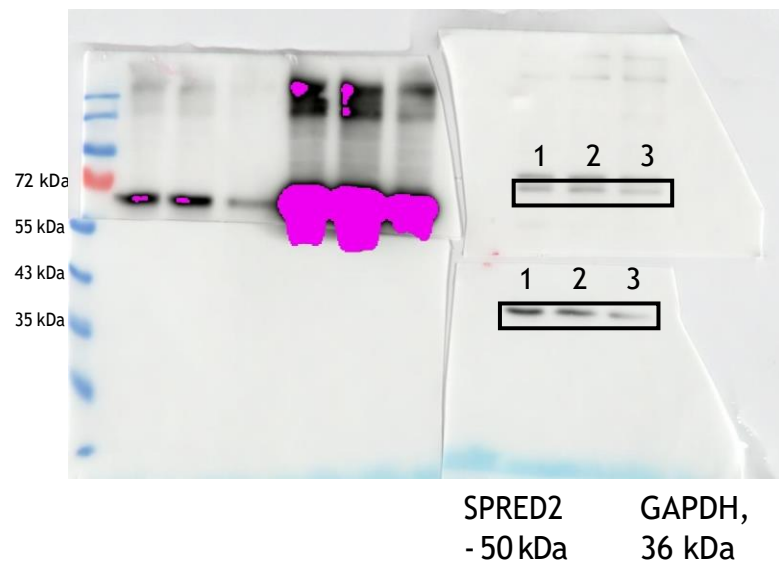
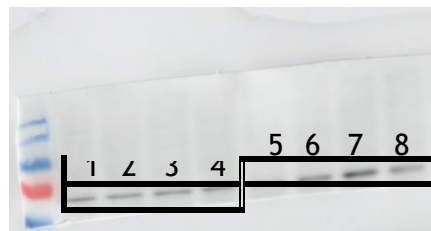


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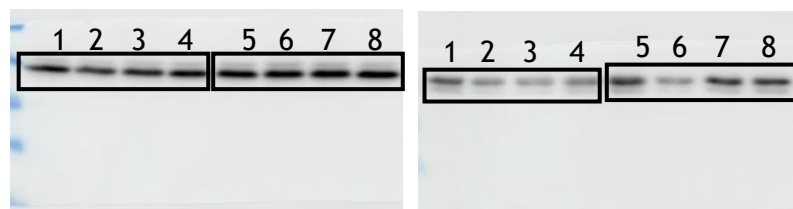
1: HEK WT

2: shScr

3: shSPRED2

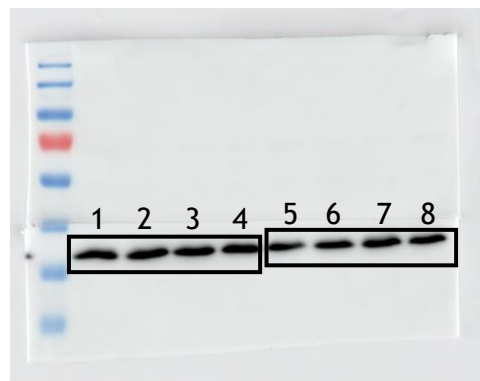


ER α , 66
kDa



ERK,
42+44kDa

pERK,
42+44kDa



GAPDH,
36 kDa

Figure S4C: MCF7-V

- 1: shScr-veh
- 2: shScr- Uli
- 3: shScr- 4-OHT
- 4: shScr- Uli+4-OHT
- 5: shSPRED2-veh
- 6: shSPRED2- Uli
- 7: shSPRED2- 4-OHT
- 8: shSPRED2- Uli+4-OHT