MMP (Full Media)	Direction of Change on Induction of MEK5	Fold Change in mRNA
	No Change	Expression on muuction
		X 1.8
MMP3	N/D	
MMP/	No Change	0.1
MMP9	$\uparrow$	x 2.1
MMP10	No Change	
MMP11	No Change	
MMP12	$\uparrow$	x 2.7
MMP13	No Change	
MMP14	No Change	
MMP15	No Change	
MMP16	$\downarrow$	- x 1.67
MMP17	No Change	
MMP19	-	
MMP20	-	
MMP21	No Change	
MMP22	No Change	
MMP23	No Change	
MMP24	No Change	
MMP25	No Change	
MMP26	-	
MMP27	No Change	
MMP28	No Change	
TIMP1	No Change	
TIMP2	$\uparrow$	x 2.2
TIMP3	No Change	
TIMP4	N/D	

Supplementary table: Summary of expression profiling of MMP genes in response to activation of MEK5-ERK5 pathway The fold change (increase or decrease) in the means between the uninduced and induced groups awere calculated and summarised with a fold increase or decrease of  $\ge x1.5$  was considered significant. Arrows in the middle column illustrate direction of change in gene expression with overexpression of MEK5. N/D = not detected. The values given are derived from TaqMan expression data after normalisation to 18SrRNA levels, and are probe, and therefore gene-specific.



## Supplementary figure 1.

## Western blots showing differential blockade of ERK1/2 and ERK5 by PD184352 in PC3 and HEK293 stably transfected with MEK5(D) cells.

- (A) Validation western blots show differential blockade of ERK1/2 activation alone at lower dose PD184352 (0.3 μm), and blockade of ERK1/2 and ERK5 at higher dose of PD184352 (3 μm) in PC3 cells stimulated with EGF (100 ng/ml)(\* signifies band shift associated with phosphor-ERK5).
- (B) Similarly, status of ERK5 upon EGF stimulation in the presence of increasing doses of PD184352 was illustrated using specific pERK5 antibody.
- (C) Western blot showing differential blockade of ERK1/2 activation alone at lower dose PD184352 (1 μM), and blockade of ERK1/2 and ERK5 at higher dose of PD184352 (10 μM) in MEK5(D) over-expressing HEK293 cell line.





## Supplementary figure 2.

siRNA mediated knockdown of ERK5 expression in PC3 resulted in reduced euclidean distance travelled.



## Supplementary figure 3. Invadopodia in A375 melanoma and PC3-ERK5 cells.

A375 or PC3-ERK5 cells were seeded on glass cover slips crossed-linked with 594gelatin, and leave for 16 hours to allow gelatin degradation. Cells were fixed and stain with 488 phalloidin. Confocal images show actin localization at invadopodia where gelatin degradation occurs.