

Figure W1. Effects of VHL mutant C162F onto HA-ERK5. Cos7 cells were transfected with HA-ERK5 WT alone or in the presence of *prc*/CMV HA-pVHL WT or C162F mutant and processed as in Figure 1B. TCLs (50 μ g) were blotted against the indicated antibodies.

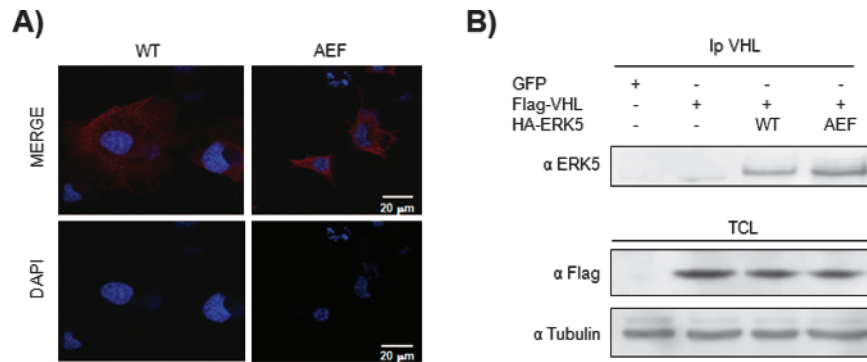


Figure W2. Subcellular distribution and binding to pVHL of HA-ERK5-AEF. (A) Cos7 cells were transfected with HA-ERK5-WT or HA-ERK5-AEF and processed as in Figure 2D. (B) 293T cells were transfected (5 μ g of HA-ERK5-WT or HA-ERK5-AEF plus 5 μ g of Flag-VHL) and processed as in Figure 2B. TCLs were blotted against Flag or tubulin.

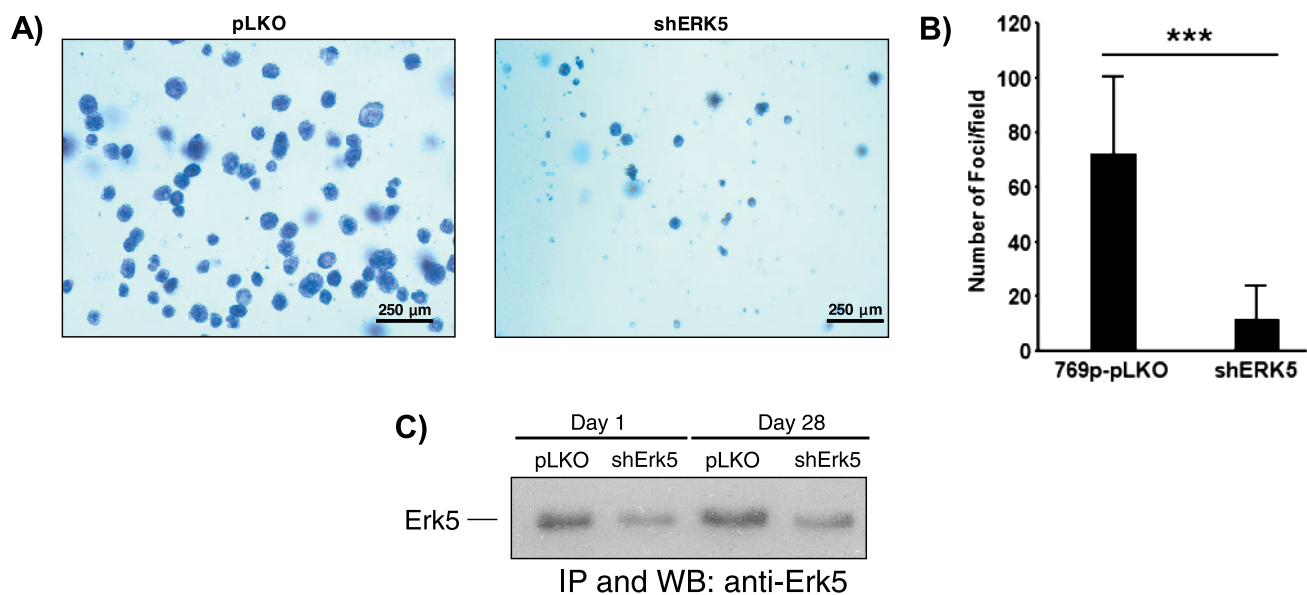


Figure W3. (A) Representative fields of 769-P pLKO and shERK5 cells at 28 days. Soft agar assay was performed according to Guerrero et al. [1]. (B) Histogram representing the mean \pm SD of 12 different fields. Statistical comparison of differences from the means was performed by the Student's *t* test; ****P* = .004. (C) Western blot analysis of ERK5 in parallel cultures of cells at the indicated time points of the soft agar assay.

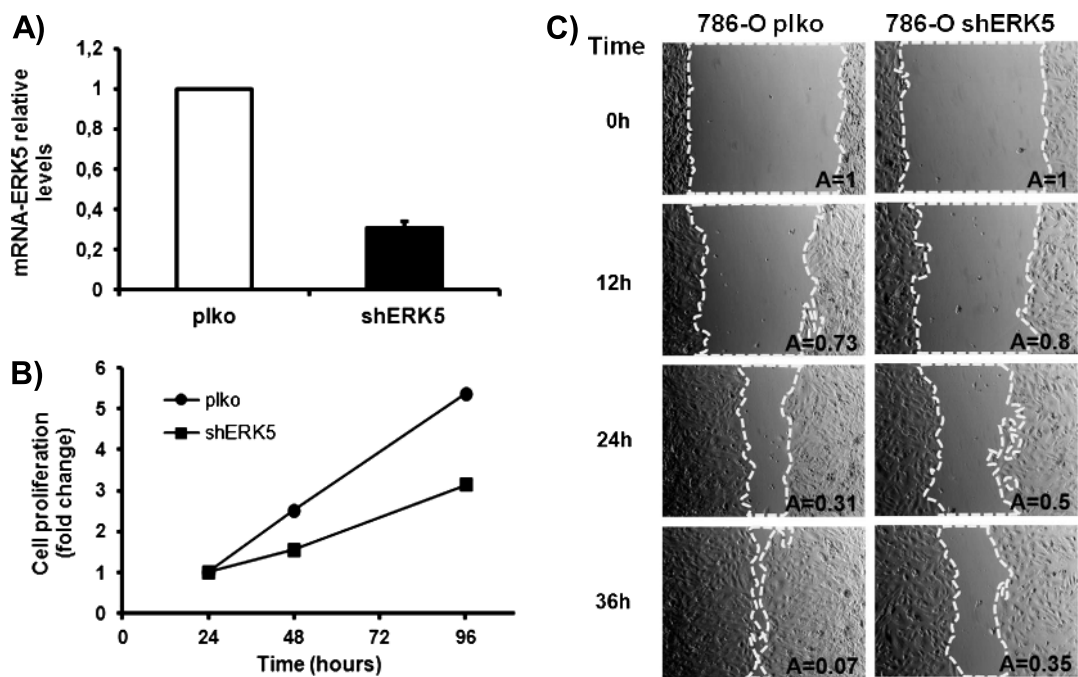


Figure W4. (A) 786-O cells were infected with control vector (pLKO) or carrying shRNA against ERK5 (shERK5). Selected pools were evaluated by qRT-PCR. (B) Proliferation assays in 786-O cells. Values of OD at 570 nm at 24 hours were referred as 1. Image shows a representative experiment performed in triplicate cultures of three. (C) Wound healing assays were performed in 786-O cells. Images show a representative experiment of two independent experiments performed in duplicated cultures.

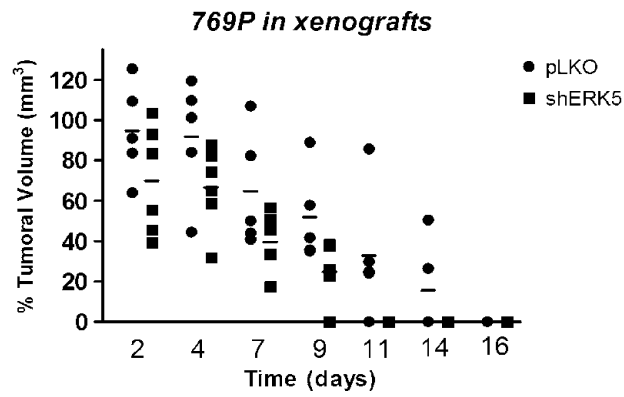


Figure W5. Xenograft model using 769-P cells. pLKO ($n = 5$) or shERK5 769-P ($n = 6$) cells were injected subcutaneously (6×10^6 cells) in nude mice (BALB/c), and volumes were evaluated every 2 days until apparent tumor mass regresses. Mice were kept alive until day 45 with no observable tumors.

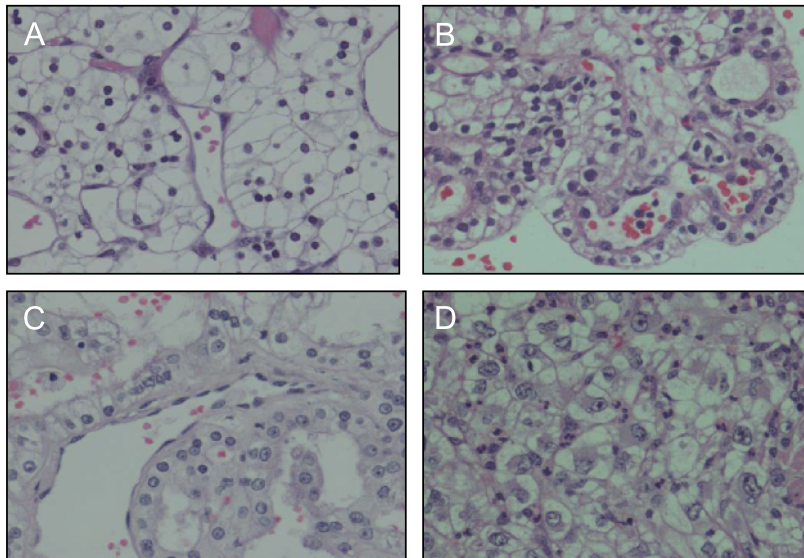


Figure W6. Histologic features of diagnosed cases of CCRCC. Four representative images (40 \times) of different Fuhrman grades observed. (A) Grade I (case 12/09). (B) Grade II (case 08/09). (C) Grade III (case 02/09). (D) Grade IV (case 06/09).

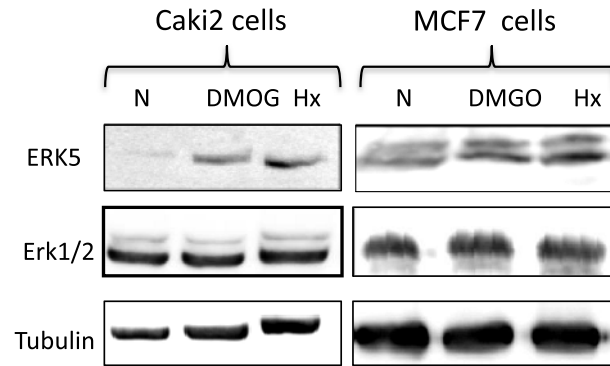


Figure W7. Effect of hypoxia onto ERK5 in Caki-2 and MCF7 cells. For hypoxia treatments, cells were grown at 37°C in sealed chambers and flushed with 1% O₂, 5% CO₂, 94% N₂ gas mixture for 9 hours. As a positive control, cells were treated with DMOG (1.5 mM) for 9 hours.