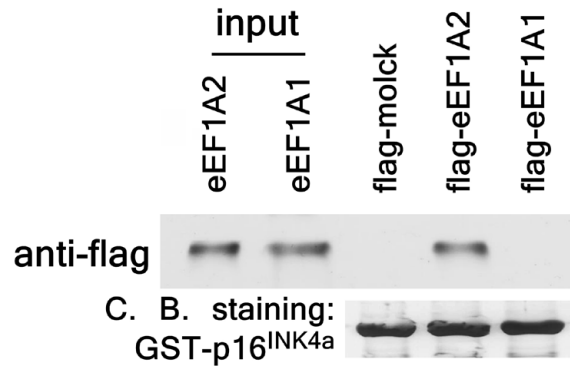
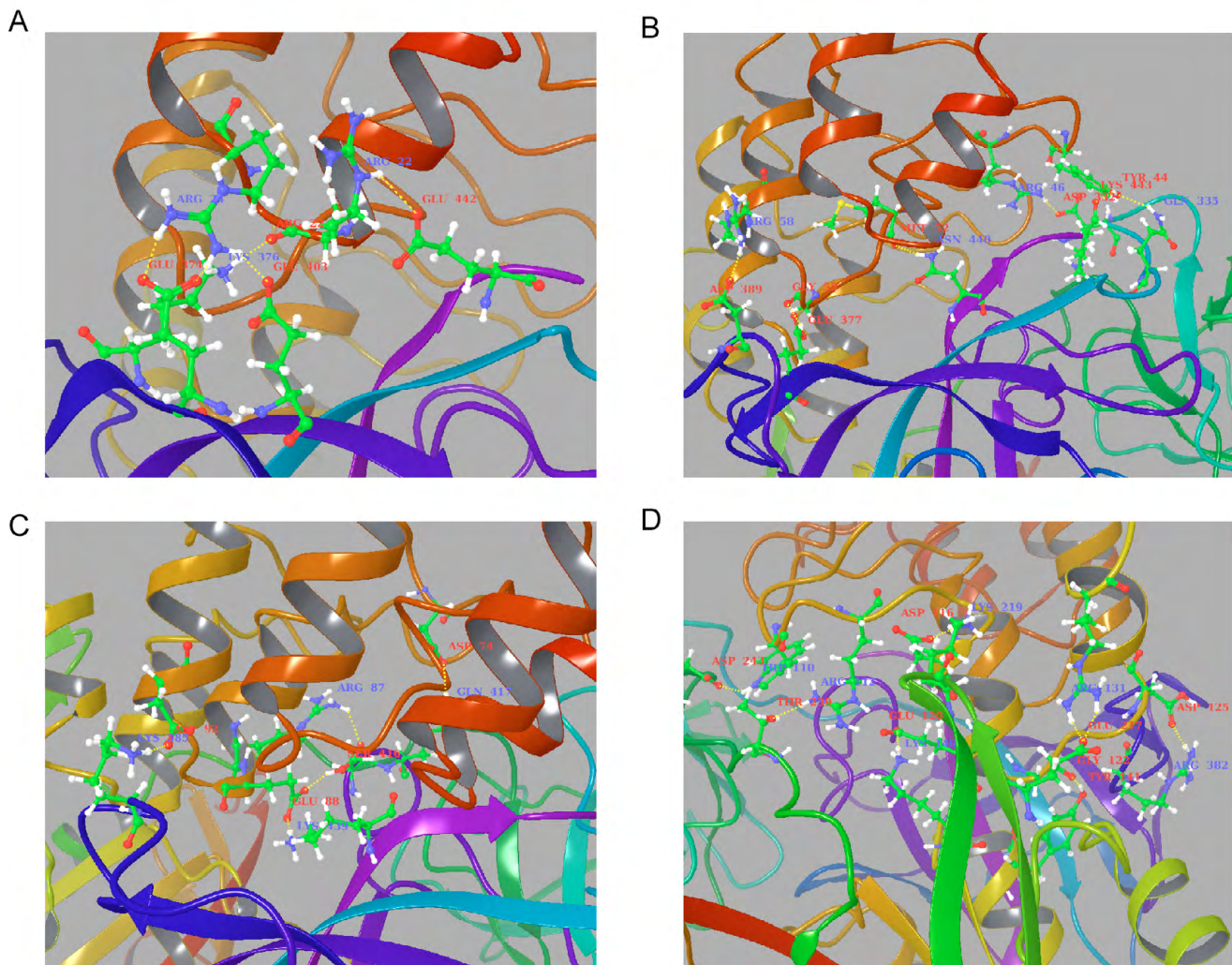


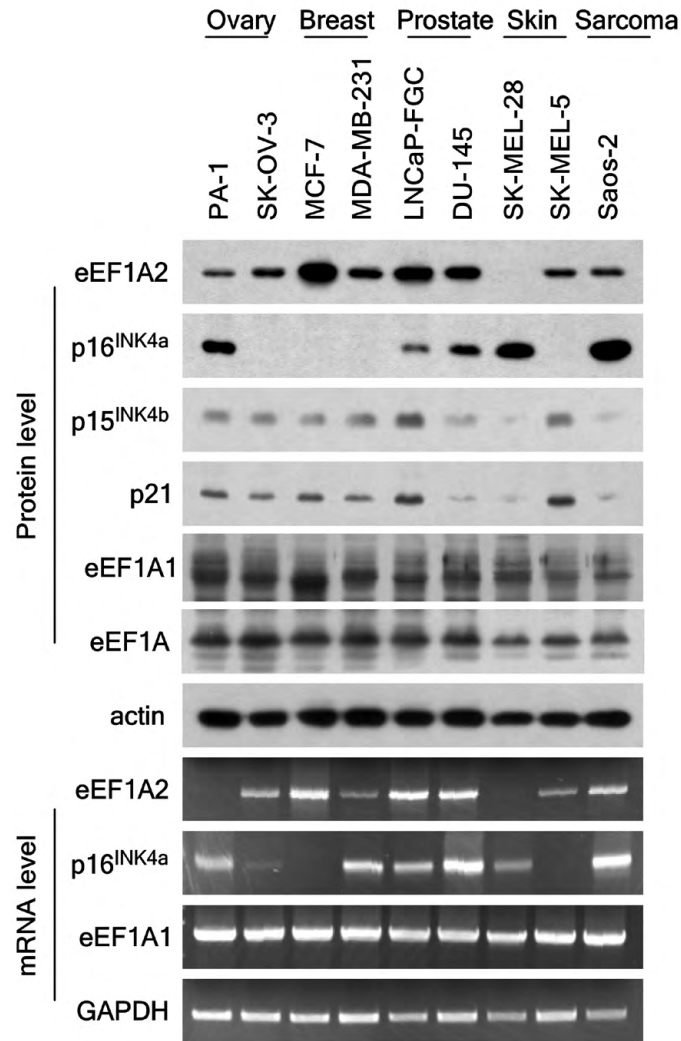
**Fig. S1. Candidate clones and sequence alignments.** (A) Approximately  $2.0 \times 10^6$  yeast transformants were screened and 70 primary candidates were identified as follows: Group I:  $>1000$  bp, 16 clones; Group II:  $\leq 1000$  bp ( $>500$  bp) 33 clones; Group III:  $<500$  bp, 21 clones. The corresponding prey plasmids were isolated and sequenced. (B) Amino acid sequence of eEF1A2 and INT SE shows 96% similarity. The candidate p16<sup>INK4a</sup> binding partners were then identified by NCBI BLAST searches of the nucleotide and protein databases.



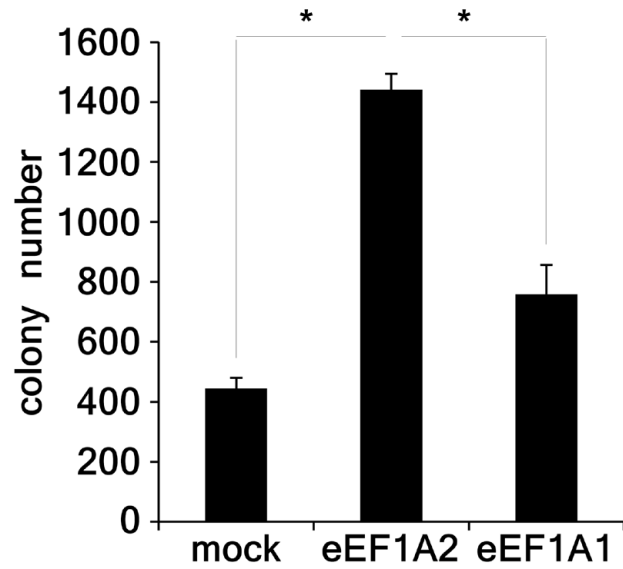
**Fig. S2. Interaction between p16<sup>INK4a</sup> and eEF1A2 or eEF1A1.** A Flag-tagged eEF1A2 or eEF1A1 full-length or mock plasmid was incubated with an equal amount of GST-p16<sup>INK4a</sup>. Bound proteins were analyzed by 12% SDS-PAGE and detected by western blotting.



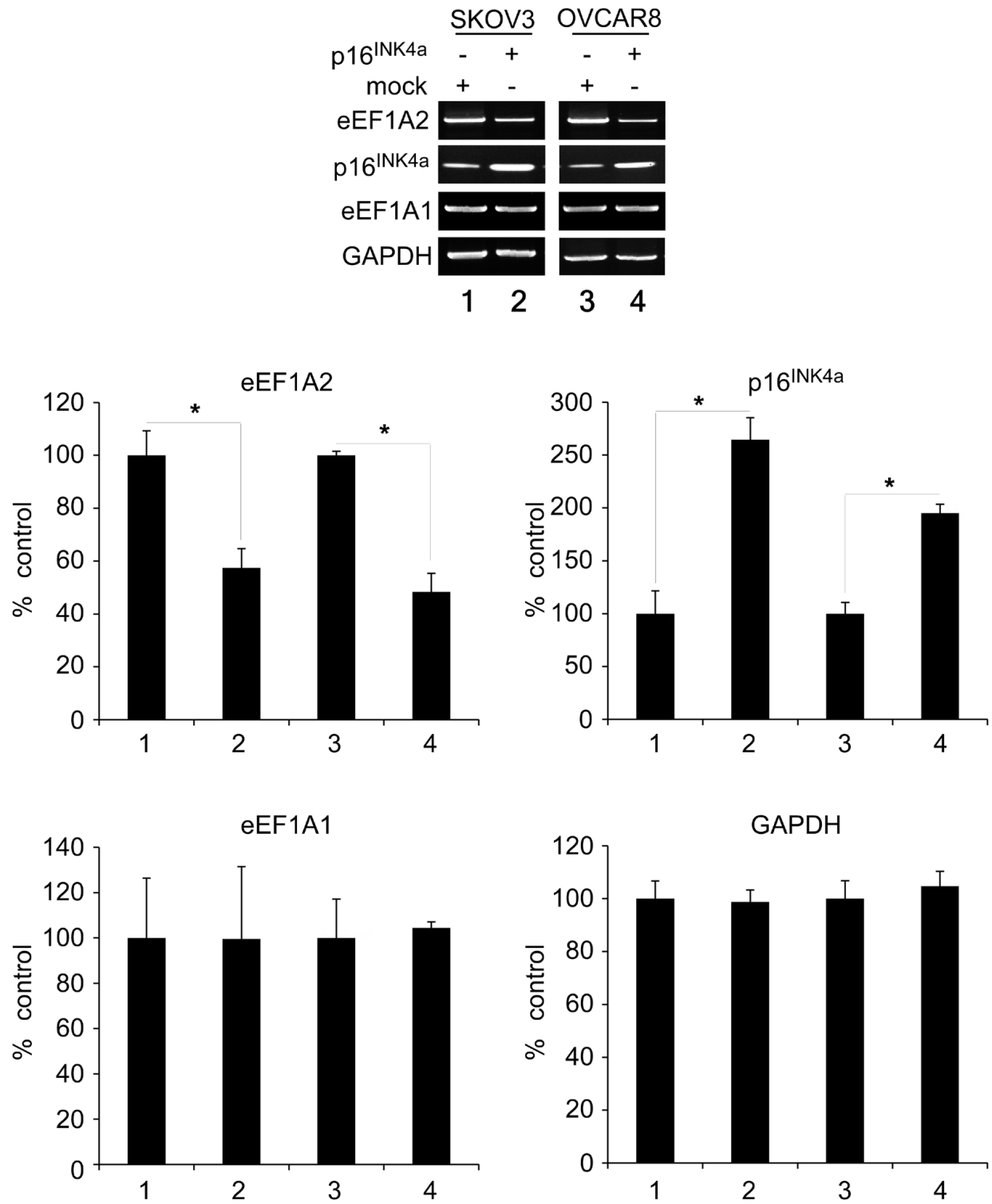
**Fig. S3. Hydrogen bonding between the interface residues in the computational model of the p16<sup>INK4a</sup>-eEF1A2 complex.** (A) Hydrogen bonds between the residues from the first ankyrin repeat of p16<sup>INK4a</sup> and those from Domain III of eEF1A2. (B) Hydrogen bonding between the residues from the second ankyrin repeat of p16<sup>INK4a</sup> and those from Domain III of eEF1A2. (C) Hydrogen bonding between the residues from the third ankyrin repeat of p16<sup>INK4a</sup> and those from Domain III of eEF1A2. (D) Hydrogen bonding between the residues from the fourth ankyrin repeat of p16<sup>INK4a</sup> and those from Domain I of eEF1A2 (with one exception of Arg382 from Domain III). These figures were generated using the Schrödinger Maestro software program.



**Fig. S4. Expression of eEF1A2 and p16<sup>INK4a</sup> in cancer cell lines.** The seven upper panels show protein expression of eEF1A2 and p16<sup>INK4a</sup> and the four lower panels show mRNA levels of *eEF1A2* and *p16<sup>INK4a</sup>*.



**Fig. S5. Anchorage-independent cell growth in NIH3T3 cells transfected with mock, eEF1A1 or eEF1A2.** Cells were stably transfected with mock, eEF1A1 or eEF1A2. Similar results were obtained from three independent experiments. Data are shown as means  $\pm$  s.d.. of 3 independent experiments and the asterisk (\*) indicates a significant difference ( $P < 0.01$ ).



**Fig. S6. The mRNA levels of eEF1A2, eEF1A1 and p16<sup>INK4a</sup> in SKOV3 and OVCAR8 cells.** Cells were transfected with mock or p16<sup>INK4a</sup> and harvested after 48 h for preparing total RNAs. mRNA expression of *eEF1A2*, *eEF1A1* and *p16<sup>INK4a</sup>* were analyzed by reverse transcriptase-PCR. Similar results were obtained from three independent experiments. Data are shown as means  $\pm$  s.d. of 3 independent experiments and the asterisk (\*) indicates a significant difference ( $P < 0.01$ ).

**Table S1. Hydrogen bonds in the computational model of the p16<sup>INK4a</sup>-eEF1A2 complex**

Element (Atom-H)	Element (Atom-A)	Distance ( $<2.5$ Å)	DHA angle ( $>120^\circ$ )	HAB angle ( $>90^\circ$ )
eEF1A2(III): Lys376-3HZ	P16(1 <sup>st</sup> ): Arg22-O	1.666	150.6	162.3
P16(1 <sup>st</sup> ): Arg22-HE	eEF1A2(III):Glu442-OE2	2.322	126.4	140.8
P16(1 <sup>st</sup> ): Arg24-1HH1	eEF1A2(III):Glu374-OE1	1.535	154.2	102.1
P16(1 <sup>st</sup> ): Arg24-2HH2	eEF1A2(III):Glu374-OE2	1.907	157.8	107.1
P16(1 <sup>st</sup> ): Arg24-2HH1	eEF1A2(III):Glu403-OE2	1.686	150.7	139.3
eEF1A2(III): Gln335-2HE2	P16(2 <sup>nd</sup> ): Tyr44-OH	2.356	157.1	96.9
P16(2 <sup>nd</sup> ): Tyr44-HH	eEF1A2(III): Lys443-O	2.008	143.8	121.3
P16(2 <sup>nd</sup> ): Arg46-1HH2	eEF1A2(III):Asp332-OD1	1.698	173.9	109.4
eEF1A2(III):Asn440-1HD2	P16(2 <sup>nd</sup> ):Met52-O	1.732	166.8	107.5
eEF1A2(III): Glu377-HE2	P16(2 <sup>nd</sup> ):Gly55-O	2.038	161.9	113.1
P16(2 <sup>nd</sup> ): Arg58-2HH1	eEF1A2(III): Asp389-OD2	1.812	155.3	162.5
eEF1A2(III): Gln417-2HE2	P16(3 <sup>rd</sup> ): Asp74-OD2	1.954	139.4	144.9
P16(3 <sup>rd</sup> ): Arg87-1HH1	eEF1A2(III): Ser416-O	2.499	130.0	120.9
eEF1A2(III): Ser416-HG	P16(3 <sup>rd</sup> ): Glu88-OE1	1.739	155.5	119.8
eEF1A2(III): Lys439-1HZ	P16(3 <sup>rd</sup> ): Glu88-OE2	1.530	176.1	119.3
eEF1A2(III): Lys385-1HZ	P16(3 <sup>rd</sup> ): Asp92-OD2	1.492	169.8	144.6
P16(4 <sup>th</sup> ): Trp110-HE1	eEF1A2(I): Asp243-OD2	1.966	136.1	103.6
P16(4 <sup>th</sup> ): Arg112-1HH1	eEF1A2(I): Thr239-OG1	1.914	163.5	130.1
eEF1A2(I): Lys219-3HZ	P16(4 <sup>th</sup> ): Asp116-OD1	1.608	172.3	157.4
eEF1A2(I): Lys146-2HZ	P16(4 <sup>th</sup> ): Glu120-OE1	1.447	171.2	121.6

eEF1A2(I): Tyr141-HH	P16(4 <sup>th</sup> ): Gly122-O	1.690	166.4	127.1
eEF1A2(III): Arg382-1HH1	P16(4 <sup>th</sup> ): Asp125(OD1)	1.790	150.8	140.4
P16(4 <sup>th</sup> ): Arg131-1HH1	eEF1A2(I): Glu217-OE2	1.868	145.4	102.7
P16(4 <sup>th</sup> ): Arg131-2HH2	eEF1A2(I): Glu217-OE2	1.714	151.5	143.9

The ankyrin repeats of p16<sup>INK4a</sup> and domains of eEF1A2 are also labeled in the table below.

The hydrogen bonds are defined by default when the following distances and angle cut-offs were satisfied: 2.5 Å for H-A distance; D-H-A angle greater than 120°; and H-A-B angle greater than 90° where H is the hydrogen, A is the acceptor, D is the donor, and B is a neighbor atom bonded to the acceptor.

Note: HH is the hydrogen of the phenolic hydroxyl group of tyrosine. 2HE2 is one hydrogen in the amide side chain group of glutamine; HE2 is one carboxylic hydrogen of glutamic acid; 1HZ, 2HZ and 3HZ are the three hydrogens in the ε-ammonium group of lysine; 1HH1, 1HH2, 2HH2, 2HH1 and HE are the five hydrogens in the guanidinium side chain of arginine; O is the oxygen in the backbone amide group; OE1, OE2 are the two carboxylic oxygens of glutamic acid; OD1 and OD2 are the two carboxylate oxygens of aspartic acid.