

Figure S1 (related to fig 1): The phosphoproteomes of Akt1, Akt2, Akt3 and Akt1/2/3 expressing cells.

(A) Schematic representation of the protocol we used to generate mouse lung fibroblast lines expressing different Akt isoforms. These cells exhibit significant biological differences [\(Ezell et](#page-31-0) [al., 2012;](#page-31-0) [Iliopoulos et al., 2009;](#page-32-0) [Polytarchou et al., 2011\)](#page-33-0) despite the fact that the three Akt isoforms have similar domain composition and very high sequence homology and structural similarity [\(Huang et al., 2003;](#page-32-1) [Kumar and Madison, 2005;](#page-32-2) [Scheid and Woodgett, 2001;](#page-34-0) [Wu et](#page-34-1) [al., 2010;](#page-34-1) [Yang et al., 2002\)](#page-35-0).

(B) Distribution of the robust z scores of all phosphorylation events in Akt1, Akt2, Akt3 and Akt1/2/3 cells. Combined data from three separate experiments.

(C) Validation of novel Akt targets. (Left panels) Lung fibroblasts expressing Akt1, Akt2 or Akt3 were treated with Akt inhibitors MK2206 or AZD5363. Cell lysates from inhibitor or DMSOtreated cells, harvested after 30 minutes of treatment, were used for immunoprecipitation with HGK or PRAS40 antibodies. The immunoprecipitates were probed with the Akt phosphosubstrate antibody, or with the HGK or PRAS40 antibodies as indicated. (Right panels) Western blots of cell lysates from the same cells were probed with phospho-DNAJC2, phospho-PRAS40, DNAJC2 and PRAS40 antibodies, as indicated.

(D-E) HEK293 cells were transfected with the indicated epitope-tagged constructs, and the transfected cells were treated with the Akt inhibitors MK2206 or AZD5363. Using anti-epitope tag antibodies, the proteins expressed from these constructs were immunoprecipitated and the immunoprecipitates were probed with the Akt phosphosubstrate antibody, or with an antibody that detects the protein independent of its phosphorylation status (loading control) as indicated. To monitor the inhibition of Akt, western blots of cell lysates were probed with phosho-Akt (S473) and pan-Akt antibodies (D) or with phospho-PRAS40 (T246) and total-PRAS40 antibodies (positive control) as indicated (E).

(F) HEK293 cells were transfected with the indicated epitope-tagged constructs (wild type or phosphorylation site mutants). The proteins expressed from these constructs, were immunoprecipitated and the immunoprecipitates were probed with the Akt phosphosubstrate antibody, or with an antibody that detects the protein independent of its phosphorylation status, as in D.

(G) Akt1, Akt2, or Akt3-expressing lung fibroblasts, were transduced with the indicated constructs. As in D and E, the proteins expressed from these constructs were immunoprecipitated and the immunoprecipitates were probed with the indicated antibodies.

Figure S2 (related to fig 2): Akt1, Akt2 and Akt3 phosphorylation targets and their subcellular distribution. Phosphorylation of proteins involved in RNA metabolism and differential phosphorylation of IWS1 by Akt1 and Akt2.

(A) Venn diagram showing the Akt isoforms responsible for all the phosphorylation events with robust z-score 2 MAD values or more above the median.

(B) Subcellular localization of the proteins phosphorylated by Akt1, Akt2, or Akt3. The numbers indicate the percentage of Akt1, Akt2 or Akt3 phosphorylation targets that are localized in the plasma membrane (PM), the cytoplasm (C), the nucleus (N), or the extracellular space (ES). The phosphorylation targets of each Akt isoform were identified based on phosphorylation events with a robust z score, 2 MAD values or more above the median.

(C) Heat map of the abundance of phosphorylation of the Akt-mediated phosphorylation events of proteins involved in RNA processing. For some proteins, the abundance of phosphorylation is high

in cells expressing a single Akt isoform, but low in Akt1/2/3 cells (see also Fig 1C). This phenomenon may be due to the functional inhibition of one Akt isoform by another, which had been suggested by earlier studies [\(Iliopoulos et al., 2009;](#page-32-0) [Irie et al., 2005\)](#page-32-3). Alternatively, Akt isoforms may differentially regulate feedback loops that control the phosphorylation of specific Akt targets.

(D) In vitro kinase assay of myc-tagged Akt1 and Akt2, using GST-IWS1wt and GST-IWS1 S720A/T721A recombinant proteins as substrates. Myc-Akt1 and myc-Akt2 were immunoprecipitated with the anti-myc antibody. Phosphorylation was detected with the Akt phosphosubstrate antibody (a-RxRxxS $^*/T^*$). Western blots of the same lysates were probed with the anti-myc antibody (Akt-myc) (loading control), and the anti-phosphoThr308-Akt antibody, as indicated. These results compliment the data in figure 2H which, in addition to the phosphorylation of the wild type IWS1 and IWS1-S720A/T721A substrates, also addressed the phosphorylation of the IWS1-S720A and IWS1-T721A substrates by Akt1. The mutation of either of these sites abrogated the phosphorylation of IWS1 by Akt in vitro. This finding is in agreement with the observation that both Ser720 and Thr721 undergo phosphorylation in the Akt -expressing cells. However, the Akt phosphosubstrate antibody, which recognizes the phosphorylated RXRXXS motif, should detect only the phosphorylated Ser residue. Therefore, the lack of detection of the IWS1- S720A mutant substrate in the in vitro kinase assay shows that Akt indeed phosphorylates this site. The lack of detection of the IWS1-T721A mutant on the other hand, suggests that the mutation of the Thr residue interferes with the phosphorylation of the Ser residue, perhaps because the Ser and Thr phosphorylations are functionally linked.

Figure S3 (related to fig 3): IWS1 is expressed and phosphorylated in cancer cell lines and co-immunoprecipitates with SetD2. Flag-IWS1 and HA-SetD2 binding to the FGFR-2 gene.

(A) Relative IWS1 mRNA levels in the indicated tumor cell lines were measured with real time RT-PCR. *GAPDH* was used as the control. The expression of IWS1 in NCI H522, NCI H1299 and T47D cells was also measured by western blotting (see figure 3A).

(B) The Akt inhibitor MK2206 inhibits the phosphorylation of IWS1 at Ser720/Thr721 as determined by western blotting with a non-commercially available antibody from Cell Signaling. Western blots of cell lysates of NCI H1299 and T47D cells, harvested after (2 hours) treatment with MK2206 or DMSO, were probed with the indicated antibodies. The incomplete inhibition of IWS1 phosphorylation in NCI H1299 cells may be caused by the slow IWS1 dephosphorylation kinetics in this cell line. Alternatively, it may be due to phosphorylation by another kinase that targets the Akt phosphorylation consensus and is active in these cells. However, this seems unlikely because the knockdown of Akt isoforms or inhibition with Akt specific inhibitors in these cells have profound effects on the biology elicited by IWS1 phosphorylation.

(C) Upper panels: shIWS1/wt rescue and shIWS1/mutant rescue NCI H1299 cells were transduced with an HA-SETD2 construct and they were treated with MK2206 or DMSO, as indicated. FLAG-IWS1 was immunoprecipitated from cell lysates harvested at 2 hours after the treatment, and the immunoprecipitates were probed with the HA-tag or FLAG-tag (control) antibodies. Lower panels: Cell lysates were probed with HA-tag and CREB antibodies (Input).

(D) Both the wild type IWS1 and its phosphorylation site mutant bind exons IIIb and IIIc of the FGFR-2 gene. Data in the ChIP experiment in figure 3G were recalculated and presented as percentage of the input.

(E) HA-SetD2 binds the IIIb and IIIc exons of FGFR-2 in shIWS1/wt rescue but not in shIWS1/mutant rescue NCI H522 and NCI H1299 cells. Left panel: Western blots of cell lysates derived from shControl, shIWS1, shIWS1/wt rescue and shIWS1/mutant rescue NCI H522 and NCI H1299 cells, transduced with lentiviral constructs of SetD2 or firefly luciferase (negative control), were probed with anti-HA and anti-HSP90 (loading control) antibodies, as

indicated. The lysates were derived from the cells in the experiments in figures 3H and 3I. (Middle and Right panels) Data in the ChIP experiment in figures 3H and 3I were recalculated and presented as percentage of the input.

Figure S4 (related to fig 4): IWS1 phosphorylation at Ser720/Thr721 by Akt3 and Akt1 regulates the alternative splicing of the *FGFR-2* **gene. Exogenous PTB expression in myc-PTB transduced cells.**

(A and B) Expression of total *FGFR-2* and *FGFR-2* IIIb in NCI H522, NCI H1299 and T47D cells. (A) Relative mRNA levels of *FGFR-2* in NCI H522, NCI H1299 and T47D cells were measured by real time RT PCR. *GAPDH* was used as the control. (B) Relative mRNA levels of the *FGFR-2* IIIb transcript in NCI H522, NCI H1299 and T47D cells were measured by real time RT PCR. *GAPDH* was used as the control.

(C) Overexpression of SetD2 failed to rescue the shIWS1 and shIWS1/mutant rescue *FGFR-2* alternative splicing phenotype. Real time RT-PCR showing the ratio of the IIIb/IIIc isoforms in

the cells used for the experiments in figures 3H, 3I and S3C (shControl, shIWS1, shIWS1/wt rescue and shIWS1/mutant rescue NCI H522 and NCI H1299 cells transduced with an HA-SETD2 construct). Bars show the mean IIIb/IIIc ratio in shIWS1, shIWS1/wt rescue and shIWS1/mutant rescue cells, relative to shControl cells \pm SD.

(D) Overexpression of Akt1, Akt2 or Akt3 failed to rescue the shIWS1-induced *FGFR-2* alternative splicing phenotype. NCI H522 cells were transduced with retroviral constructs expressing myc-Akt1, myc-Akt2, myc-Akt3, or with the empty vector (EV). Following this, the cells were transduced with shcon, shIWS1 or shSETD2 constructs and they were analyzed by real time RT-PCR for the ratio of the *FGFR-2* IIIb/IIIc isoforms. (Upper panel): Bars show the mean IIIb/IIIc ratio relative to EV/shControl cells \pm SD; (Left, lower panel) Cell lysates from the same cells were probed with the indicated antibodies. (Right, lower panel) SETD2 expression levels were measured by real time RT-PCR relative to $EV\text{/shControl}$ cells $\pm SD$.

(E) Myc-PTB binds the IIIb and IIIc exons of *FGFR-2* in shIWS1/wt rescue but not in shIWS1/mutant rescue NCI H522 and NCI H1299 cells. (Left panel) PTB expression in myc-PTB transduced cells. Cell lysates were derived from shControl, shIWS1, shIWS1/wt rescue and shIWS1/mutant rescue NCI H522 and NCI H1299 cells transfected with a construct of myc-PTB. Western blots of these lysates were probed with anti-myc and anti-HSP90 (loading control) antibodies, as indicated. (Right panel): The cells in the left panel were used for the experiment in figures 4G and 4H. Data in the ChIP experiment in these figures were recalculated and presented as percentage of the input.

(F) SetD2, PTB and MRG15 failed to rescue the *FGFR-2* alternative splicing phenotype in NCI H522 and NCI H1299 cells treated with MK2206. NCI H522 and NCI H1299 cells were transfected with HA-SETD2, myc-PTB, or HA-MRG15 expression constructs or with the empty vector (EV). The transfected cells were treated with the Akt inhibitor MK2206, or with DMSO. (Left panel) The *FGFR-2* IIIb/IIIc ratio in cells transfectd with each of the constructs and treated either with MK2206 or DMSO was measured by real time RT-PCR. Bars show the mean IIIb/IIIc

ratio relative to untreated (DMSO-treated) cells \pm SD. (Right panel): Cell lysates derived from the cells in the left panel were probed with the indicated antibodies.

 A Non-directional migration (wound healing) IWS1mut **IWS1wt rescue** 1.12 **CB FGF-2 24h** \overline{B} In vitro invasion shIWS1 shcon shcon shIWS1 **IWS1wt rescue IWS1mut rescue IWS1wt rescue IWS1mut rescue** $-FGF-2$ $+FGF-2$ $\overline{\mathsf{c}}$ Non -directional migration **Directional migration Invasiveness** (wound healing) (transwell assay) 80 70 number of cells/field 160 80 relative cell migration number of cells/field 140 60 120 60 50 100 40 40 80 30 60 20 20 40 $10\,$ 20 $\overline{0}$ $\pmb{0}$ $\pmb{0}$ ■ shcon shIWS1 IWS1wt rescue IWS1mut rescue D 160000 35000 **NCI H1299 NCI H522** 140000 30000 120000 25000 de 25000
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Figure S5 (related to fig 6): IWS1 phosphorylation at Ser720/Thr721 in lung carcinoma cell lines promotes cell migration, invasiveness and proliferation.

(A) Expression of the IIIc isoform of *FGFR-2* is sufficient to rescue cell migration of shIWS1 NCI H1299 cells. (Upper panels) Wound healing assays were carried out on monolayers of confluent cultures of shControl, shIWS1, shIWS1/wt rescue and shIWS1/mutant rescue NCI H1299 cells. (Lower panels) Wound healing assay of shControl and shIWS1 NCI H1299 cells. The latter cells were either rescued with a lentiviral contruct of the IIIc isoform of *FGFR-2*, or they were not rescued, as indicated.

(B) Invasion of NCI H1299 cells into FGF-2-supplemented matrigel depends on the phosphorylation of IWS1. shControl, shIWS1, shIWS1/wt rescue and shIWS1/mutant rescue NCI H1299 cells were plated in FGF-2-deficient matrigel (Left panels), or supplemented with FGF-2-supplemented matrigel (Right panels). Cell invasion of the matrigel was monitored by light microscopy.

(C) IWS1 phosphorylation is required for cell migration and invasiveness, not only in NCI H1299 cells (fig 6A, 6B, 6C, S5A and S5B), but also in NCI H522 cells. Wound healing, directional migration and cell invasiveness assays were carried out in shControl, shIWS1, shIWS1/wt rescue and shIWS1/mutant rescue NCI H522 cells, growing in serum-free media supplemented with FGF-2. Results are presented as in figures 6A, 6B and 6C.

(D) Growth curves of shControl and shIWS1 NCI H1299 cells (left panel) or NCI H522 cells (right panel) growing in media supplemented with 10% FBS. The impaired proliferation in shIWS1 cells was not-rescued by *FGFR-2* IIIc isoform.

(E) Overexpression of SetD2 failed to rescue the cell migration and invasion defects in shIWS1 and shIWS1/mutant rescue cells. Non-directional migration, directional migration and cell invasiveness assays were carried out in shControl, shIWS, shIWS1/wt rescue and shIWS1/mutant rescue NCI H1299 cells transduced with an HA-SETD2 construct and growing

in serum-free media supplemented with FGF-2. Results are presented as in figures 6A, 6B and 6C. Therefore, the regulation of cell migration and invasion by SetD2 depends on the phosphorylation of IWS1.

 C A p-value: 0.000125 log2 median-centered intensity $\begin{array}{c} 3 \\ -2 \end{array}$ fold change: 1.856 $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{2}$ shIWS1 shcon $-3 -4$ stage IIB/III stage I/IIA $(N=73)$ $(N=33)$ **IWS1wt rescue WS1mut rescue** B

Figure S6 (related to fig 7): IWS1 phosphorylation at Ser720/Thr721 in NSCLC.

(A) Histology of the tumors arising in nude mice injected subcutaneously with shControl, shIWS1, shIWS1/wt rescue or shIWS1/mutant rescue NCI H1299 cells. Sections were stained with Hematoxylin and Eosin.

(B) Immunohistochemical staining of normal human lung and lung cancer specimens with the anti-phospho-IWS1 (Ser720) antibody. Representative pictures of positively staining squamous cell carcinomas (a and b) and adenocarcinomas (c and d). (v) Negatively staining adenocarcinoma and (e) normal lung tissue (f).

(C) Data from the Oncomine database suggest that the expression of IWS1 correlates with the tumor stage in lung cancer, with tumors at a more advanced stage expressing higher IWS1 levels.

SUPPLEMENTARY TABLES

Table S1: Akt substrates that had been identified previously and were confirmed by this screen.

Table S2: Growth media for human cancer cell lines.

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Table S3: Constructs, siRNAs and shRNAs

Primers for IWS1, SETD2, CALPAIN1 and CABLES1 constructs

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YAP1 (S109A) CACTCCCGACAGGCCGCTACTGAT GCAGGCAC GTGCCTGCATCAGTAGCGGCCT GTCGGGAGTG

Table S4: Primers.

Table S5: Antibody list.

EXTENDED EXPERIMENTAL PROCEDURES

Cells, culture conditions, growth factors and Akt inhibitors.

Mouse lung fibroblasts were derived from a C57Bl/6 Akt1^{fl/fl}/Akt2^{-/-}/Akt3^{-/-} mouse and they were immortalized spontaneously via a 3T3 type protocol, as previously described [\(Iliopoulos et al.,](#page-32-0) [2009\)](#page-32-0). Subsequently, they were transduced with myc-Akt1, myc-Akt2, myc-Akt3 or myc-Akt1/2/3) constructs in the retroviral vector pBabe-puro, pBabe-neo, pBabe-bleo, or with the empty vector. Following selection, the endogenous floxed Akt1 allele was knocked out by pMig-GFP-Cre. This gave rise to cells that express different Akt isoforms, but are otherwise identical. To generate Akt triple knockout (TKO) cells, we transduced the immortalized Akt1^{fl/fl}/Akt2^{-/-}/Akt3^{-/-} cells with pMig-GFP-Cre and we selected the infected cells by FACS sorting. The TKO cells do not proliferate, but they remain fully viable for about a week. They were used therefore immediately after they had recovered from the sorting. All the lung fibroblast-derived cell lines were cultured in DMEM (Cellgro) supplemented with 10% fetal bovine serum, penicillin and streptomycin, sodium pyruvate, nonessential amino acids, and glutamine.

Human cancer cell lines were cultured under standard culture conditions, in the growth media described in the Table S2. FGF-2 (Cell Signaling, cat. no. 8910) (20ng/ml) or IGF-1 (Cell Signaling, cat. no. 8917) (20ng/ml), were used to stimulate NCI H522, NCI H1299 or T47D cells that had been serum-starved for 16 hours. Alternatively, it was used to supplement growth media containing 1% FBS. To inhibit Akt in cells growing in complete media, we exposed them to the Akt inhibitors MK2206 (MERCK) (5 μM) or AZD5363 (AstraZeneka) (5μΜ) for 2 hours.

Phosphoproteomics screen and data analysis

Lysates of triple Akt knockout cells and their derivatives expressing different Akt isoforms (Akt1, Akt2, Akt3 and Akt1/2/3) were digested with LysC, and the resulting peptides were affinity purified with Akt phospho substrate antibodies. Enriched phospho-peptides were digested with trypsin and analyzed by mass spectroscopy following the published "Cell Signaling Technology" protocol [\(Moritz et al., 2010\)](#page-33-12). Three such experiments were conducted and the phosphorylation sites detected in one or more of these experiments were combined in a single database. We then calculated the log2 of the ratio of the abundance of each phosphorylation event in Akt1, Akt2, Akt3 and Akt1/2/3, vs TKO cells. The distribution of these values around the median allowed us to calculate the robust z score for each phosphorylation event in Akt1, Akt2, Akt3 and Akt1/2/3 expressing cells. To identify phosphorylation events mediated preferentially by some Akt isoforms, we focused on those events whose z scores place them beyond the median absolute deviation value (MAD value) of 2. This analysis was carried out by Dana Farber Bioinformatics Facility.

siRNAs, shRNAs and expression constructs. Cloning and site-directed mutagenesis

Supplementary Table S3 describes the origin of the siRNAs, shRNAs and expression constructs used in this study. The IWS1, SETD2, CALPAIN1 and CABLES1 ORFs were transferred to the pENTR/D-TOPO cloning vector (Invitrogen, cat. no. 45-0218). Following this, the IWS1 ORF was recombined to pLenti CMV Puro DEST (Addgene, cat. no. 17452), while the SETD2, CALPAIN1 and CABLES1 ORFs were recombined to pLenti CMV Neo DEST (Addgene, cat. no. 17392). FGFR IIIc, cloned in the Gateway vector pDONR (GeneCopoeia), was also recombined to pLenti CMV Neo DEST. pLenti CMV Neo DEST expressing Firefly Luciferase and pLenti CMV Puro DEST expressing GFP were used as controls. To generate the shRNA-resistant variants of IWS1 and the IWS1 phosphorylation site mutant S720A/T721A, we used the QuickChange II site directed mutagenesis kit (Agilent Stratagene, cat no. 200524-5). The same mutagenesis kit was used to generate the mutants YAP1S109A, INTS3S1034A, HSPAT265A, ATRXS785A and BCL10 T52A. The primer sets we used to generate the IWS1, SETD2, CALPAIN1 and CABLES1 lentiviral constructs, and the mutant constructs described above, are listed on the Table S4.

Transfections and infections

Retroviral constructs were packaged in 293T cells by transient transfection, in combination with ecotropic (Eco-pac) or amphotropic (Ampho-pac) packaging constructs. Lentivirus constructs were also packaged in 293T cells by transient transfection, in combination with with pCMV-VSVG and pCMV-dR8.2 dvpr. Transfections were carried out using Fugene HD (Promega, cat. no. E2311).

Infections were carried out in the presence of 5 μg/ml polybrene (Sigma, cat. no. 107689). Depending on the selection marker in the vector, infected cells were sorted by FACS (GFP or RFP), or they were selected for resistance to puromycin (Gibco, cat. no. A11138) (2 μg/ml), G-418 (Cellgro, cat. no. 30-234) (400μg/ml), or bleomycin (Sigma, cat. no. B8416-15UN) (100 μg/ml). Cells infected with multiple constructs, were selected for infection with the first construct, prior to the next infection.

Transfection of lung carcinoma cell lines with siRNAs (20 nM final concentration) were carried out, using the Lipofectamine *RNAiMAX* Transfection Reagent (Invitrogen, cat. no. 13778).

Immunoprecipitation and Immunoblotting

Cells were lysed using a Triton X-100 lysis buffer (20 mM Tris (pH 7.5), 150 mM NaCl, 1 mM EDTA, 1 mM EGTA, 1% Triton X-100, 2.5 mM Sodium pyrophosphate, 1 mM β-glycerophosphate, 1 mM Na3VO4, protease inhibitor-cocktail from Roche, phosphatase inhibitor-cocktail also from Roche and 1.2 mM PMSF). Lysates were sonicated and clarified by centrifugation at 18,000 × *g* for 15 min. The clarified lysates were either electrophoresed in SDS-PAGE or they were used for immunoprecipitation. This was done by adding the primary antibody at the recommended concentration to 500 µl (1 mg of protein) of the clarified lysates and by incubating the mixture at 4°C, with gentle rocking overnight. Protein G agarose beads (Invitrogen, cat no. 15920-010) (30 µl) were subsequently added and the mixture was incubated with gentle rocking for 1 hour at 4°C. The agarose bead-bound immunoprecipitates were washed three times, 5 min each time, at 4° C with lysis buffer and they were electrophoresed (20μg protein per lane) in SDS-PAGE. Electrophoresed lysates or immunoprecipitates were transferred to polyvinylidene difluoride membranes in 25 mM Tris, 192 mM glycine. Following blocking with 5% nonfat dry milk in TBS and 0.1% Tween-20, the membranes were probed with antibodies (at the recommended dilution), followed by horseradish peroxidase-labeled secondary antibodies (1:2000), and they were developed with Pierce ECL Western Blotting Substrate (Thermo Scientific, cat. no 32106). The antibodies were used are listed in Table S5.

In vitro kinase assay

Myc-tagged Akt1 and Akt2 were immunoprecipitated with anti–Myc-conjugated agarose beads from the myc-Akt1 or myc-Akt2-expressing lung fibroblasts described above. In vitro kinase assays were performed as previously described [\(Ezell et al., 2012\)](#page-31-0). The phosphorylation substrates were human IWS1 wt, IWS1 S720A, IWS1 T721A and IWS1 S720A/T721A, which were expressed as GST fusion proteins in the BL21 strain of *Escherichia coli*. Recombinant GSK3α/β (Cell Signaling, cat. no. 9237) was also used as a control kinase substrate. Following induction with isopropyl-β-Dthiogalactopyranoside, the GST-fusion proteins were affinity-purified using Glutathione Sepharose beads (Amersham).

Real-time RT-PCR

Total cell RNA was extracted using Trizol (Invitrogen, cat. no 15596-026). cDNA was synthesized from 1.0 μg of total RNA, using oligo-dT priming and the Retroscript reverse transcription kit (Ambion, cat no. AM1710). Gene expression was quantified by real time PCR, using the RT^2 Real-Time SYBR Green PCR master mix system (Qiagen, cat no. 330502) and an Opticon 2 DNA Monitor instrument (Biorad). mRNA levels were normalized to *GAPDH*, which was used as an internal control. The primer sets used for all the real time PCR assays throughout this report are listed on the Table S4.

Chromatin Immunoprecipitation (ChIP)

ChIP was performed using a Chromatin Immunoprecipitation assay kit (Millipore, cat no. 17-295) and following the instructions of the manufacturer. Chromatin cross-linking was achieved via a 10 minute treatment of nuclear extracts with 1% formaldehyde at 37° C. Cross-linked lysates were sonicated to shear the DNA to an average length of 200 to 1000 base pairs. Following sonication, the lysates were pre-cleared via incubation with a 50% slurry of salmon sperm DNA/Protein A Agarose for 30 minutes. The pre-cleared supernatants were incubated with the primary antibody (1:50 dilution) overnight and with salmon sperm DNA/Protein A Agarose beads at 4°C for 1 h. Following multiple washes, the DNA-protein complexes were eluted and the DNA was recovered by

reverse cross-linking with NaCl and proteinase K. The DNA was then extracted using Qiaquick PCR Purification Kit (Qiagen, cat. no 28106) and it was analyzed by SYBR-Green real-time qPCR, along with the input DNA. Exon 3 of the *GAPDH* genomic locus, which is constitutively-spliced, was used as the control for chromatin IPs of the *FGFR-2* gene. The primer sets used are listed on the Table S4.

Cell proliferation, migration and invasion assays

Cell proliferation was monitored in cells growing in complete media and in cells growing in media supplemented with 1% FBS and 20 ng/ml FGF-2. Cells were seeded in 48well plates (10⁴ cells / well) and the relative number of cells was measured at 24 hour intervals with the 3-(4,5 dimethylthiazol-2-yl)-2,5-diphenyltetrazolium bromide (MTT) assay (Invitrogen, cat no. M6494).

Non-directional migration was measured with the wound healing assay as previously described [\(Kottakis et al., 2011\)](#page-32-13). Briefly, serum starved confluent cell monolayers were wounded with a plastic pipette tip and after three washes with PBS, they were cultured in serum-free RPMI supplemented with 20ng/ml FGF-2. The wounded areas were photographed 24 hours later and cell migration was measured with the Adobe Photoshop CS3 software.

Directional cell migration was measured with the transwell filter assay, using 24well microchemotaxis chambers with uncoated polycarbonate membranes (pore size 8μm) (Costar, cat no. 3422) [\(Kottakis et al., 2011\)](#page-32-13). $5x10⁴$ cells were placed in the upper chamber and they migrated toward the FGF-2-containing media, placed in the lower chamber.

In vitro invasion assays were performed using BD BioCoat Matrigel Invasion Chambers (BD Biosciences, cat no. 354480), as previously described [\(Hatziapostolou et al., 2011\)](#page-31-11). 5x10⁴ cells were placed in the chamber and they invaded the FGF-2 (20ng/ml)-containing matrigel.

Tumor xenografts

2x10⁶ shControl, shIWS1, shIWS1wt rescue or shIWS1mut rescue NCI H1299 cells were injected subcutaneously in the right flank of nude mice (Charles River Laboratories). Tumor growth was

monitored once a week for a total of 4 weeks. Tumor volumes were calculated with the equation $V(mm^3) = \frac{1}{2}ab^2$, where a is the largest diameter and b is the diameter that is perpendicular to a. Two xenograft experiments were carried out with six mice per cell type in the one and 4 mice per cell type in the other. At 4 weeks, xenografts were harvested and formalin-fixed. Paraffin embedded sections were stained with H and E or they were used for immunohistochemistry. The tumor size at each time point was presented as the mean \pm SE.

Immunohistochemistry

Human lung tumor and normal tissue array (Biochain Institute Inc., cat no. T8235732) and formalinfixed paraffin-embedded sections of the xenograft tumors were stained with the specific antiphospho-IWS1 S720 antibody. The sections were deparafinized with xylene (3x5 min) followed by 2x10 min washes with 100% and 95% ethanol and 2x5 min washes with ddH₂O. Antigen unmasking was achieved by boiling the samples in a 10 mM sodium citrate buffer, pH 6.0 and by maintaining the samples at a sub-boiling temperature for 10 more minutes in the same buffer. Tissue sections were then washed three times with ddH₂O, incubated in 3% hydrogen peroxide for 20 minutes, washed twice with $ddH₂O$ and once with TBS-T (TBS, 0.1% Tween-20) and blocked with 5% normal goat serum (Cell Signaling, cat no. 5425) in TBS-T for 1 hour at room temperature. Phospho-IWS1 S720 antibody was dilutied 1:50 in Signal Stain antibody diluent (Cell Signaling, cat no. 8112) and incubated with the sections overnight at 4 $^{\circ}$ C. Following this, the samples were washed x3, 5 min each, with TBS-T and incubated with an HRP-conjugated anti-rabbit IgG secondary antibody (Cell Signaling, cat no. 8114) for 30 minutes at room temperature. After 3 more 5 minute washes with TBS-T, sections were stained, using the DAB Peroxidase Substrate Kit (Vector Laboratories, cat no. SK-4100) for 20 min, washed and counterstained with hematoxylin QS (Vector Laboratories, cat no. H-3404). Stained tissues were dehydrated and mounted in Eukitt medium. Images were captured with a Nikon 80i Upright Microscope equipped with a Nikon Digital Sight DS-Fi1 color camera, using the NISElements image acquisition software.

Protein and RNA isolation from frozen tumors

Tumors were homogenized with the TissueLyser LT (Qiagen), using 5mm stainless steel beads and following the instructions of the manufacturer. For RNA isolation we used TRIzol® Reagent (Ambion, cat. no. 15596-026). For protein extraction we used RIPA buffer (BostonBioProducts, cat. no. BP-115) plus cocktail tablets of protease inhibitors (Roche, cat. no. 11697498001) and phosphatase inhibitors (Roche, cat. no. 04906845001).

Database search for SETD2 mutations

Since the recruitment of SETD2 is a critical step in the regulation of the alternative splicing pathway described in this report, we performed database searches to determine whether it may be a target of mutations in lung cancer. These searches showed that SETD2 is not mutated in the cell lines NCI H522 and NCI H1299 [\(http://www.broadinstitute.org/ccle/home\)](http://www.broadinstitute.org/ccle/home). However, mutations in SETD2 were detected in primary human lung cancer [\(http://cancer.sanger.ac.uk/cosmic/gene/analysis?ln=SETD2#histo\)](http://cancer.sanger.ac.uk/cosmic/gene/analysis?ln=SETD2#histo). It is not yet known whether some of these mutations may allow the recruitment of SETD2 to the IWS1 complex, in the absence of IWS1 phosphorylation.

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