## **Supplementary Figure Legends**

**Figure S1.** (a) Western blot of purified SRAP 1-236, purified SRAP 13-236 and whole cell lysates from HEK293 and HeLa cells. Probed with anti-SRAP antibody Abcam ab72552. (b) Western blot of purified SRAP 1-236, purified SRAP 13-236 and MCF-7 whole cell lysate probed with anti-SRAP antibody Abcam ab72407. (c) Histogram of RNA-seq reads around the two candidate SRAP start codons M1 and M13. Each black bar represents one nucleotide. The height of each bar is proportional to the number of reads mapped to that specific nucleotide. The positions of the two candidate start codons are marked in green.

**Figure S2.** Anomalous difference Fourier map. Map was computed with anomalous differences measured at 1.5 Å wavelength to 4.0 Å resolution and model phases. Cartoon drawing of B subunit of the SRAP carboxy-terminal domain, with Met and Cys side chains drawn as stick models. Sulfurs are orange. Anomalous map (magenta) contoured at 3 sigma. Molecular drawings were made with PyMOL (http://www.pymol.org).

**Figure S3.** EMSA of SRA RNA fragments by SRAP(V106M-215). Arrows show positions of unshifted RNAs. Experimental conditions same as in Figure 2 of main text.

**Figure S4.** Individual siRNAs in pool 1 have different effects on MCF-7 cell growth. In each case, approximately 200K MCF-7 cells were transfected with 25 nM corresponding siRNA. 3 days after transfection, cell number was examined by flow cytometry (n=2). \* denotes the siRNA that has the most deleterious effect on cell growth.

**Figure S5.** Response of pS2 and PR expression to different levels of  $17\beta$ -estradiol. Top graph, endogenous SRA RNA levels; middle and lower graphs, pS2 and PR mRNA levels, respectively. Lane 1: MCF-7 cells were grown in complete medium. Lane 2-11: MCF-7 cells were grown in hormone-free medium for 4 days and then allowed to continue for one day in hormone-free medium (Lane 2), complete medium (Lane 3), hormone-free medium with  $17\beta$ -estradiol and fulvestrant (Lane 4-7) or hormone-free medium with just  $17\beta$ -estradiol (Lane 8-11). The RNA

levels of SRA, pS2 and PR were examined by RT-qPCR, using GAPDH mRNA as internal control (SRA primer: SRA-4).

**Figure S6.** Examination of the expression level of pS2 and PR at different time points after SRA knockdown. MCF-7 cells were transfected with 25 nM corresponding siRNA pool. Cells were harvested 1, 2 and 3 days after transfection. RNA level of pSR (left) and PR (right) was examined by RT-qPCR, with GAPDH mRNA as internal control (n=3).

## Supplementary Tables

Table S1. Sequences of siRNAs in SRA siRNA pool 1 and their corresponding scrambled control siRNAs.

SRA siRNA	Forward (5' to 3')	Reverse (5' to 3')
Pool 1 #1 SRA siRNA	ucacuuggcucccuucuuatt	uaagaagggagccaagugatt
Pool 1 #1 control siRNA	cuuaccuuuuggucaccuctt	gaggugaccaaaagguaagtt
Pool 1 #2 SRA siRNA	agagggaguucauguguuatt	uaacacaugaacucccucutt
Pool 1 #2 control siRNA	uucguuaggagauguagagtt	cucuacaucuccuaacgaatt
Pool 1 #3 SRA siRNA	ggaaaguugucaauaccugtt	cagguauugacaacuuucctt
Pool 1 #3 control siRNA	ccugaauaggaagucaguutt	aacugacuuccuauucaggtt
Pool 1 #4 SRA siRNA	gguaggaguuaaaagauuatt	uaaucuuuuaacuccuacctt
Pool 1 #4 control siRNA	ggagaaaggguaauuauuatt	uaauaauuacccuuucucctt

Gene	Forward (5' to 3')	Reverse (5' to 3')
GAPDH*	acagcaacagggtggtggac	gaccattgctggggctggtg
SRA-1 (Exon 2)	ccgccgcagttctcatac	cttggtaagcagcgagcg
SRA-2 (Exon 2,3 juction)	aggcgctcgctgcttac	tctctgatgcggggactc
SRA-3 (Exon 3,4 juction)	gtggccacacaaggaagc	tcctccagcccactgttc
SRA-4 (Exon 4)	gacatcagccgacgcc	cttgcaccagtagagccattc
SRA-5 (Exon 4,5 juction)	ctctactggtgcaagagctttc	ccatgagggagcggtg
SRA-6 (Exon 4,5 juction)	aggaacagtgggctggag	gtggcttgaaagctcttgc
SRA-7 (Exon 5)	acatecacegetecete	cattggctgcctcctctg
pS2	catcgacgtccctccagaagag	ctctgggactaatcaccgtgctg
PR	cgcgctctaccctgcactc	tgaatccggcctcaggtagtt
GREB1*	gcttgccgctctagaaggt	gtgcagctggaaagggttt
MSRB2	cgcctttcagtgggatctac	ccagtgccagagcagtacttt
RACGAP1	tctgtttgagcagcttgtgc	tcctctgccactttttacgg
C3orf58	cttcgcaacctcaaggactc	aaatggccaaccttcatcag
NMD3	caaccaccaggaacttggat	aaagcetgcatetacaagee
RMRP-1	ccaaagtccgccaagaag	gcactgcctgcgtaactagag
RMRP-2	gcatacgcacgtagacattcc	gagggagctgacggatgac

Table S2. Sequences of RT-qPCR primers.

\*The GAPDH primer listed was described in [1]. We also used Human GAPD (GAPDH) Endogenous Control (Applied Biosystems, 4326317E) for GAPDH RT-qPCR. The GREB1 primer listed was described in [2].

Gene	Forward (5' to 3')	Reverse (5' to 3')
Primer 1	ggcaatgcaagaggaggctgtagaagtc	gtggtaagaagggagccaagtgacagaag
Primer 2	gcggaagtggagatggcggag	gcataggagatggtgtccggtgagtc
Primer 3	agctgtacgtgaagccgggcaac	gcataggagatggtgtccggtgagtc

Table S3. Sequences of SRA cDNA cloning primers.

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## Fig\_S3: SRA frag binding by SRAP C-terminal domain





