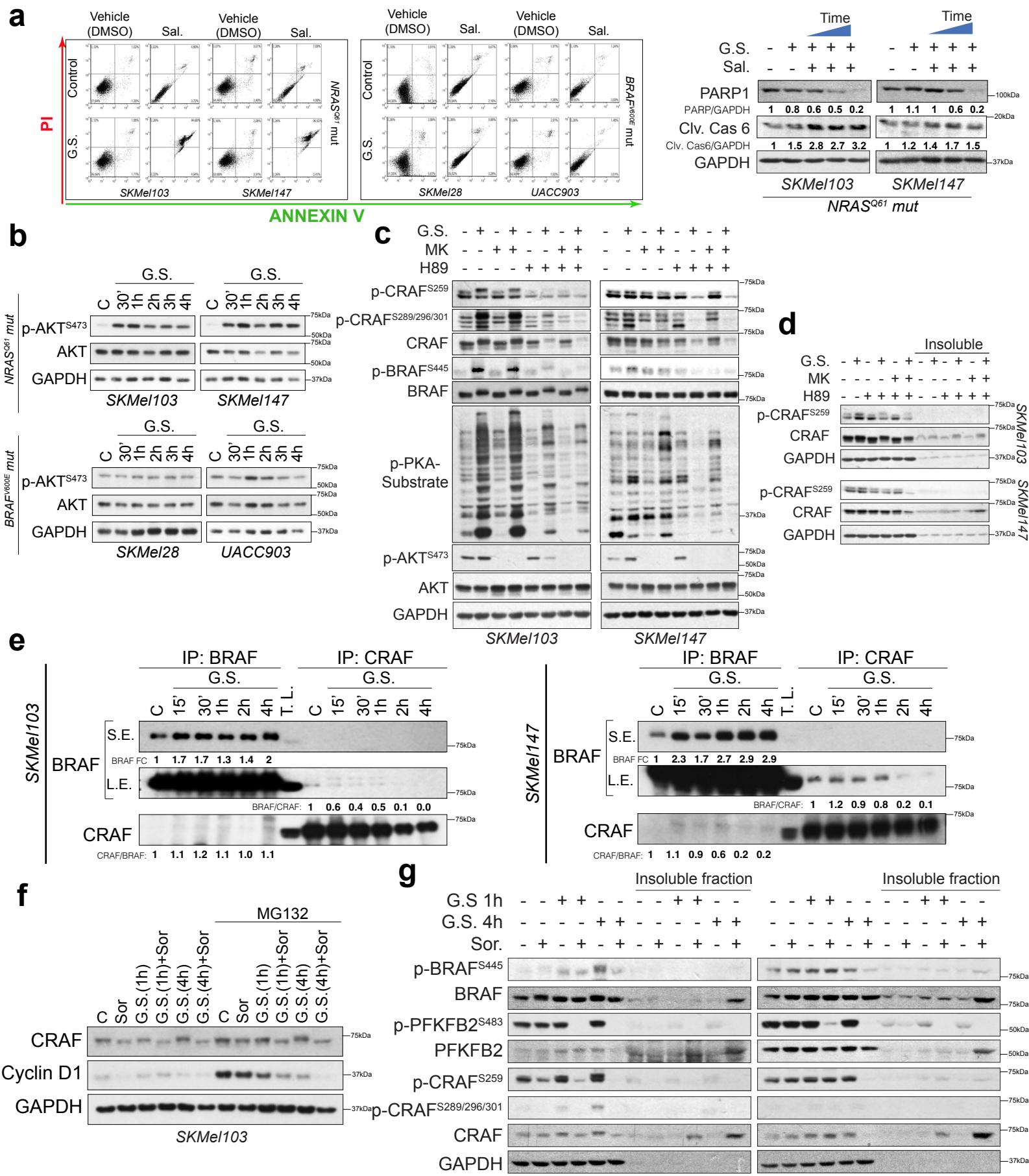
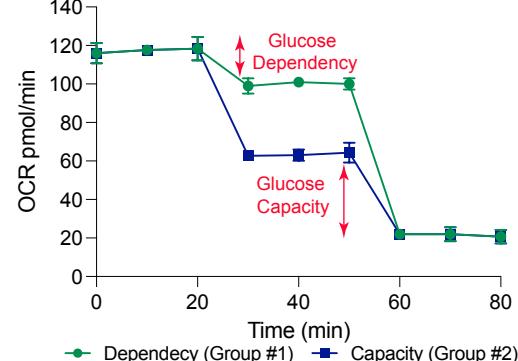
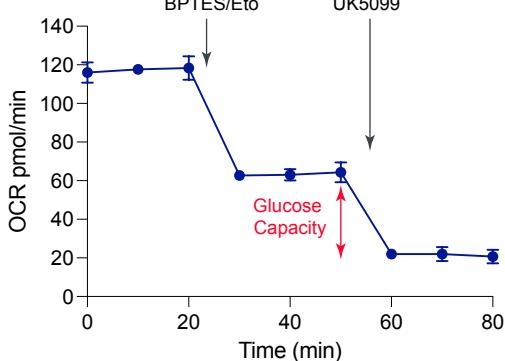
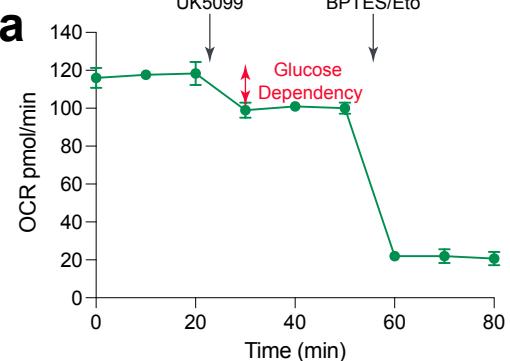


Supplementary Figure 1: Sensitization of NRAS mutant melanomas to sorafenib upon metabolic stress and subcellular localization of p-ERK1/2 upon metabolic stress. (a) Colony formation assay of NRAS^{Q61} mutant melanoma cells including patient-derived cells (MSKM8, MMLN9 and MMLN10) and BRAF^{V600E} mutant cells exposed to metformin (M) and sorafenib (Sor.). (b) Representative western-blots showing p-ERK1/2 amounts in the nucleus or cytoplasm in response to G.S. in NRAS^{Q61} mutant melanoma cells including patient-derived cells (MMLN9, MMLN10) and BRAF^{V600E} mutant cells. Lamin A/C and GAPDH are used as nuclear and cytoplasmic markers. (c) Graph showing PP2A activity 4h after G.S. Mean \pm SD (d) Representative western-blots showing the effect of the indicated inhibitors on ERK1/2 activation. Glucose deprivation (G.S.). NRAS^{Q61} mutant cells are in blue background and BRAF^{V600E} mutant cell lines are in pink background. Sorafenib (Sor.) (inhibitor of BRAF^{V600E}, BRAF, CRAF, VEGFR2, PDGFR β , FLT3, cKIT, and FGFR1); Regorafenib (Reg.) (inhibitor of VEGFR1, VEGFR2, VEGFR3, PDGFR β , Kit (c-Kit), RET (c-RET) and CRAF, BRAF^{V600E} and BRAF); Sunitinib (Sun.) (inhibitor of FLT3, c-KIT, PDGFR β , VEGFR2, LCK, FGFR1, EGFR, CDK2, MET, IGFR1, ABL and SRC); Axitinib (Axi.) (inhibitor of VEGFR1, VEGFR2, VEGFR3, PDGFR β and c-Kit); Lenvatinib (Len.) (inhibitor of VEGFR1, VEGFR2, VEGFR3, PDGFR α , FGFR1-4, RET (c-RET) and c-Kit); Salirasib (Sal.) (inhibits RAS methylation); Tipifarnib (Tip.) (farnesyl-transferase (FTase) inhibitor, mostly HRAS); Vemurafenib (Vem.) (inhibitor of BRAF^{V600E}, BRAF), Dabrafenib (Dab.) (inhibitor of BRAF^{V600E}, BRAF); CCT196969 (CCT.) (inhibitor of BRAF^{V600E}, BRAF, CRAF, Src and Lck); Trametinib (Tra.) (inhibitor of MEK1/2) and U0126 (inhibitor of MEK1/2). (e) Gating strategy for apoptosis analysis. Number of biologically independent experiments: n=3 in (b) and n=2 in (c) and (d). C= control; G.S.= Glucose starvation.



Supplementary Figure 2: RAS inhibition upon glucose starvation (G.S.) lead to cell death and G.S. induces the AKT and PKA-dependent switch of RAF isoform use. (a) Representative experiment of apoptosis detection by flow cytometry analysis of *BRAF*^{V600E} and *NRAS*^{Q61} mutant melanoma cells stained with propidium iodide (PI) and Annexin-V-EGFP. Cells were treated for 4h with salirasib (Sal.) in the presence or absence of glucose (G.S.). On the right, Immunoblot showing the indicated apoptotic markers upon the same conditions. (b) Representative western-blot showing AKT activation under G.S. in *NRAS*^{Q61} and *BRAF*^{V600E} mutant melanoma cell lines. (c) Representative western-blot showing the effects of PKA and AKT activation upon G.S. on CRAF and BRAF phosphorylation in the presence of MK=MK2206, H-89 inhibitors. (d) Illustrative immunoblot showing CRAF translocation to the NP-40-insoluble fraction after indicated treatments. (e) Representative immunoblot showing the immunoprecipitated RAF proteins isoforms from *SKMel103* and *SKMel147* cells in a time course manner upon G.S. S.E. short exposure, L.E. long exposure. Numbers indicate fold changes respect the control of either BRAF or BRAF/CRAF and CRAF/BRAF ratio. (f) Illustrative western-blot showing the expression of CRAF in the presence and absence of the proteasome inhibitor MG132 upon G.S. and in combination with Sor. at the time points indicated. Cyclin D1 is showed as a control of MG132 activity and GAPDH as a loading control. (g) Representative experiment where total cell lysates of NP-40-soluble and -insoluble fractions were analyzed by western blotting against the indicated antibodies. Cells were subjected to G.S. for the indicated times in the presence or absence of Sor. A representative experiment is showed. Numbers show fold induction of the indicated proteins or ratios. Number of biologically independent experiments in (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), and (g): n=3. C= control; G.S.= Glucose starvation; Sor.= Sorafenib.

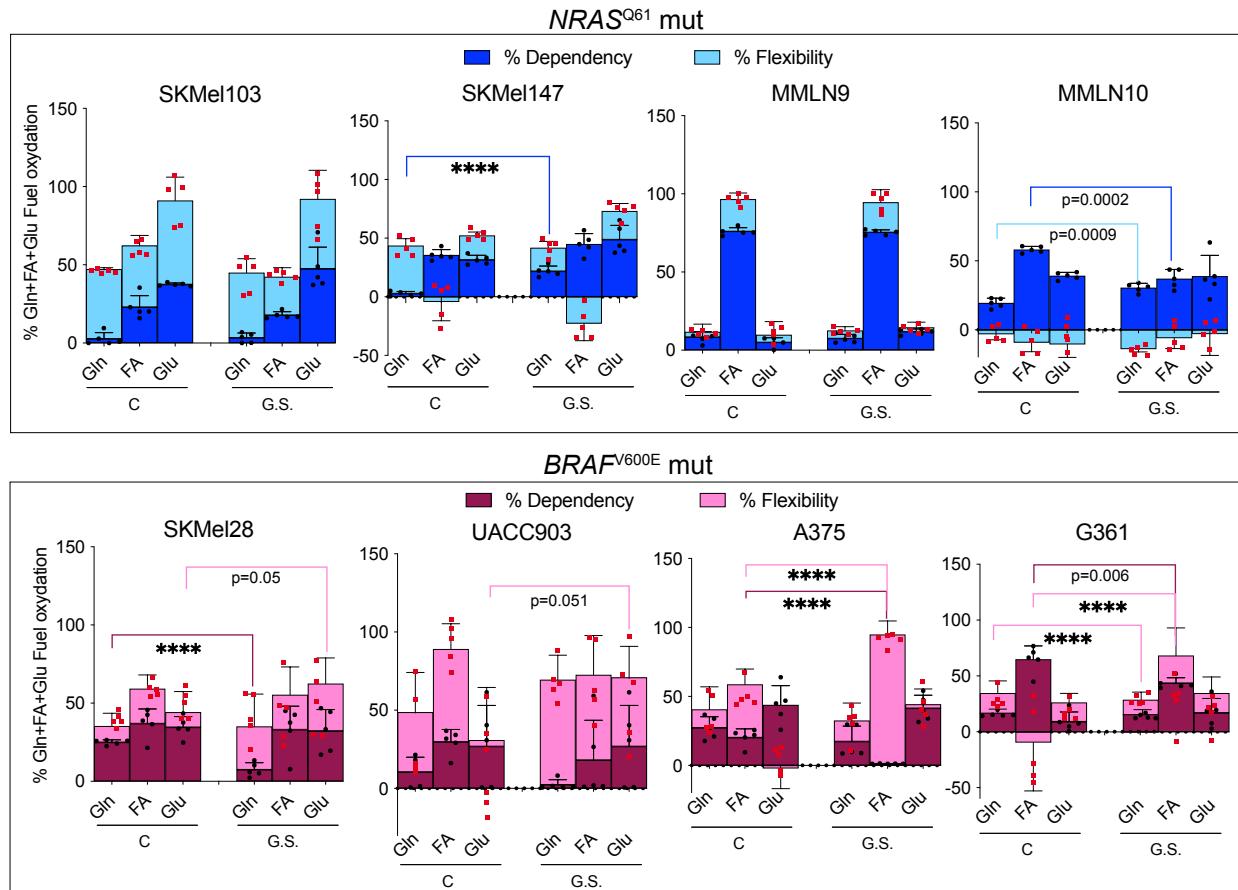


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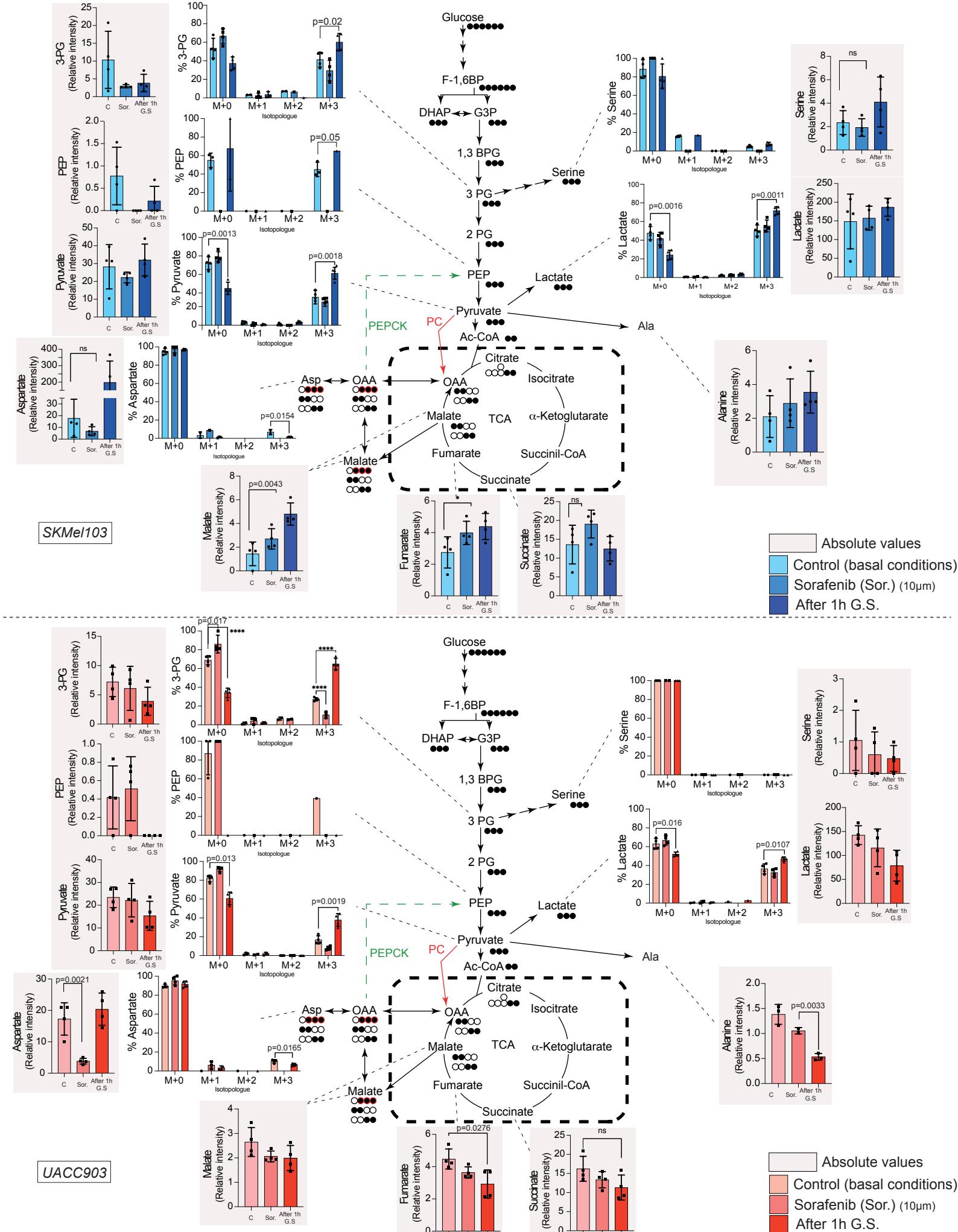
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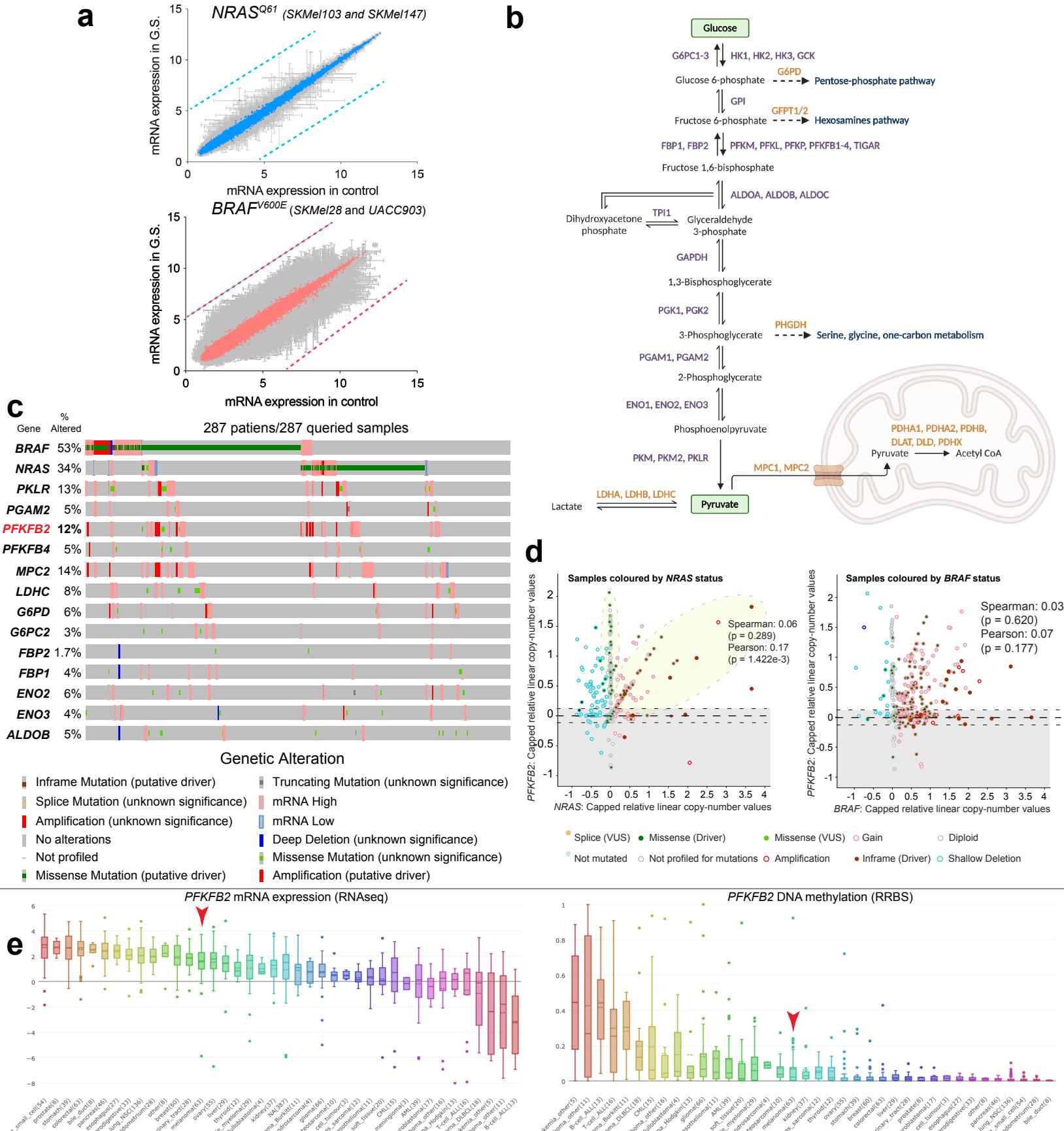
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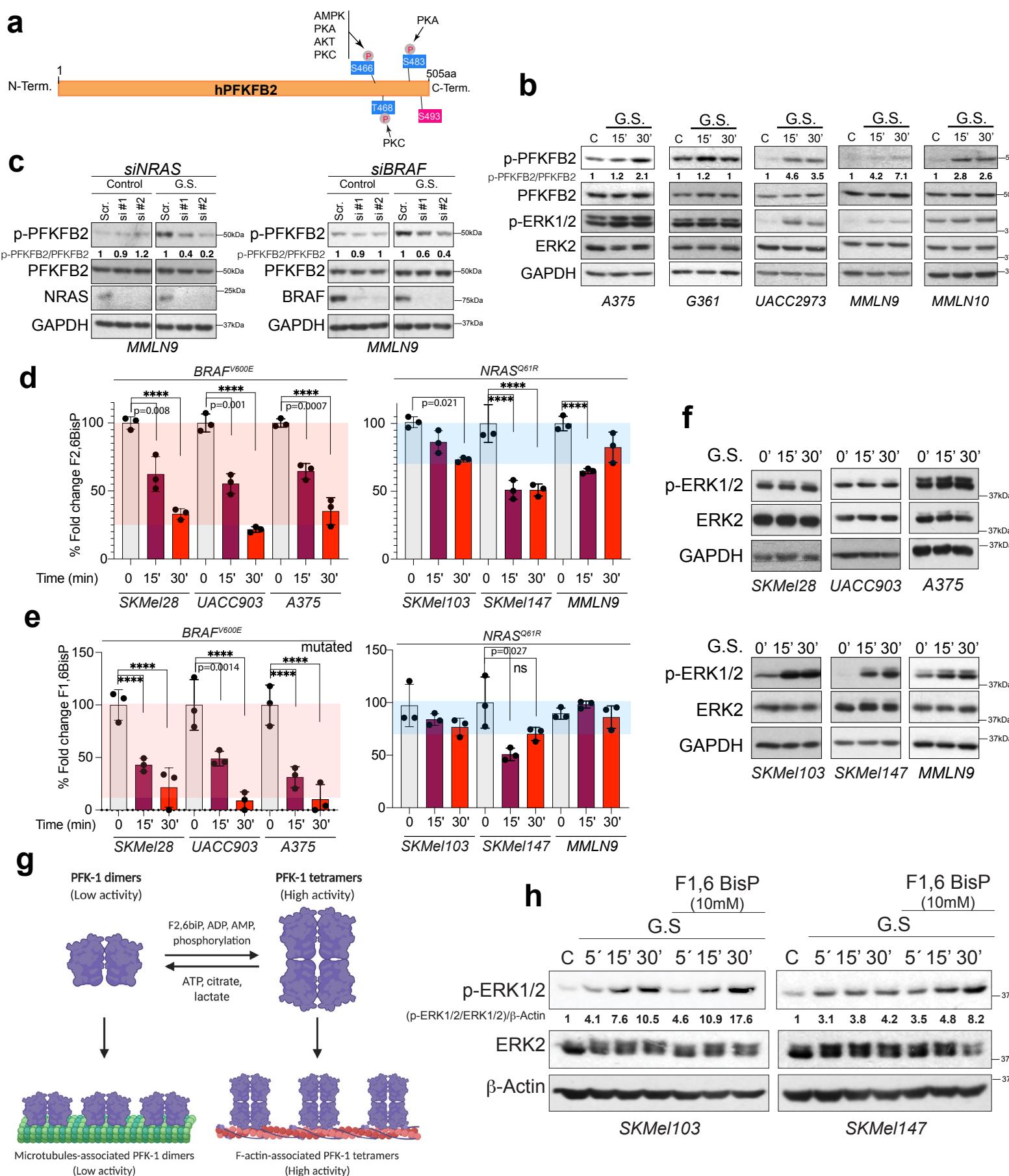
Supplementary Figure 3. In the absence of glucose *NRAS^{Q61}* mutant cells are less flexible than *BRAF^{V600E}* mutant cells using other energy fuel sources. (a) Explanatory graphs and equations for the calculation of fuel dependency, fuel capacity and fuel source flexibility. (b) Graphs representing percentage of dependency, capacity and flexibility of *NRAS^{Q61}* and *BRAF^{V600E}* mutant melanoma cells to oxidize glucose (Glu), long chain-fatty acids (FA) or glutamine (Gln) as mitochondrial source of fuel (explanatory graph on the left) under normal conditions (C) and under glucose deprivation (G.S.). Mean \pm SD, $n=5$ biologically independent experiments are represented, **** $p < 0.0001$; unpaired two-sided t test. Dark blue and deep red colors statistical lines compare dependencies, light blue and pink statistical lines compare flexibility.



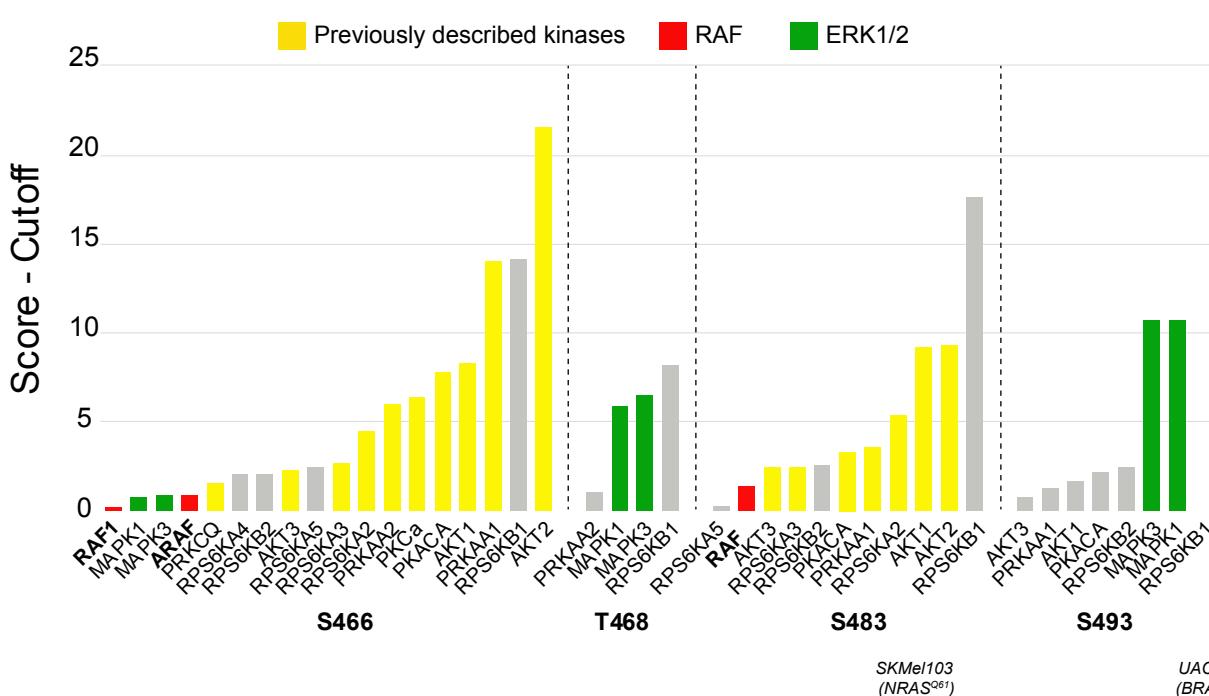
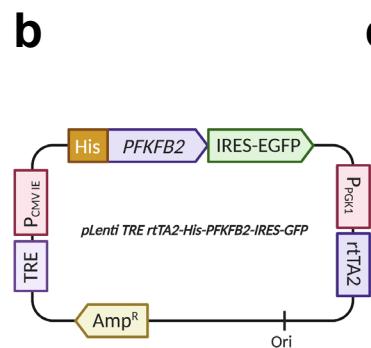
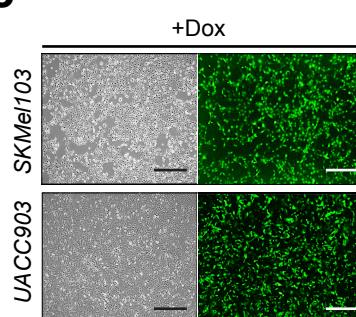
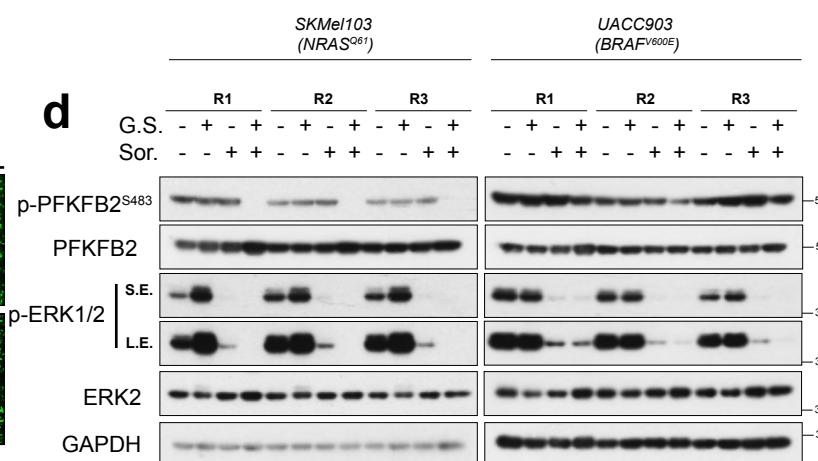
Supplementary Figure 4: Simplified schematic of ^{13}C -labeling patterns after the metabolism of [$\text{U-}^{13}\text{C}$]glucose (40min of labeling) via glycolysis and the TCA cycle. Empty circles, ^{12}C ; black filled circle, ^{13}C ; black filled circles with red ring, ^{13}C derived from pyruvate dioxcarboxylase (PC). Graphs in white background represent the identified isotopologues derivatives of the indicated intermediates. Graphs in grey background show absolute amount of derivatives (sum of all isotopologues) at the indicated conditions: C (clear blue and clear red)=Basal condition, Sor. (mild blue and mild red) Sorafenib in complete medium and after 1h glucose starvation (G.S.). (dark blue and dark red)= labeling after 1h of glucose starvation. Experiments were performed in quadruplicate. Mean \pm SD are represented; **** $p<0.0001$, (p-value, unpaired two-sided t-test).



Supplementary Figure 5: PFKFB2 mRNA expression and copy number is upregulated in NRAS mutant melanomas. (a) Graphs showing the correlation of the gene expressed values regulated in response to G.S. (G.S. vs control) in *NRAS^{Q61}* (SKMel103 and SKMel147) and *BRAF^{V600E}* (SKMel28 and UACC903) mutant melanoma cell lines. $n=3$ biologically independent experiments per cell line and condition. Mean \pm SD are represented. (b) Scheme of glycolysis showing the enzymes of interest interrogated in figure 5b. (c) Genetic alterations in *NRAS* mutated cells-regulated genes in response to G.S. (Figure 5b) in TCGA melanoma dataset (TCGA Firehose legacy). (d) Graphs showing the correlation of copy number values of *PFKFB2* with *NRAS* and *BRAF* and the mutational status of samples in respect to *NRAS* and *BRAF*. p-values were calculated performing both Spearman and Pearson correlation. (e) *PFKFB2* mRNA expression and promoter methylation status in 63 melanoma cell lines and across to 40 different tumor types. Box-and-whisker plots show the distribution of mRNA expression for each subtype, ordered by the median *PFKFB2* expression or promoter methylation level (line), the interquartile range (box) and up to 1.5x the inter-quartile range (bars). Number of cell lines of each tumor type is shown within the parenthesis. Arrow shows the melanoma location. G.S.= Glucose starvation.



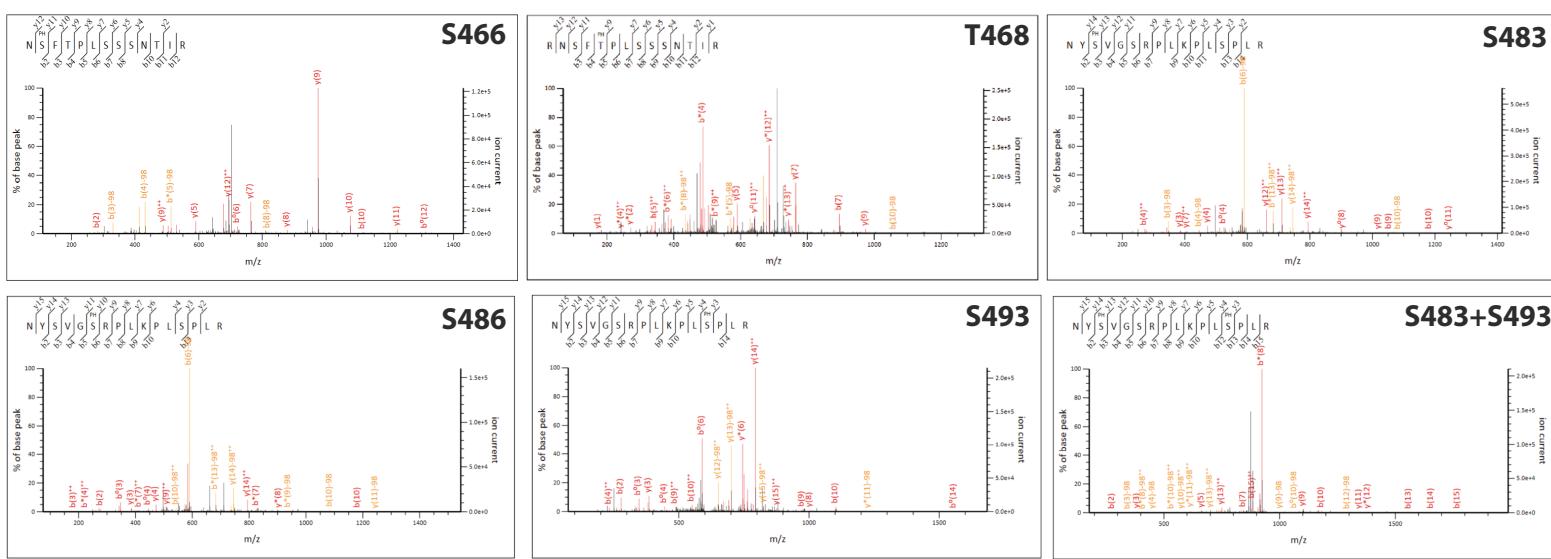
Supplementary Figure 6: Glucose starvation (G.S.) induces PFKFB2^{S483} phosphorylation and metabolite changes at early time points. (a) Human PFKFB2 phosphorylation residues. The kinases described to phosphorylate the depicted residues are shown (blue). (b) Representative western blot showing PFKFB2^{S483} phosphorylation after G.S. in the indicated melanoma cell lines. Fold induction respect the control is showed by numbers. (c) Representative immunoblots showing PFKFB2 phosphorylation regulation (S483) in response to metabolic stress G.S. in *NRAS* or *BRAF* knockdown *MMLN9* patient-derived cells. Graphs showing the variation in F2, 6BisP (d) and F1, 6BisP (e) upon G.S. at the indicated time points in three *BRAF^{V600E}* and three *NRAS^{Q61R}* mutated melanoma cell lines including a patient-derived cell line (MMLN9). *** p<0.0001, (p-value, Mean ± SD; unpaired two-sided t-test). Painted red and blue areas represent the average fold change decreased among the cell lines (red *BRAF^{V600E}*-mutated and blue *NRAS^{Q61R}*-mutated melanoma cells). (f) Representative western-blots showing the RAS pathway hyperactivation at the same time points in the assayed cell lines at (d) and (e). (g) Scheme showing the activation of PFK1 according to its homodimerization or homotetradimerization state and its association with cytoskeleton fibers. (h) Representative western-blots showing the activation of ERK1/2 in G.S. upon the addition of 10mM F1,6BisP at the indicated time points. Numbers show fold induction of the indicated ratios. n=3 biologically independent experiments in (b), (c), (d), (e), (f) and (h). G.S.=Glucose starvation.

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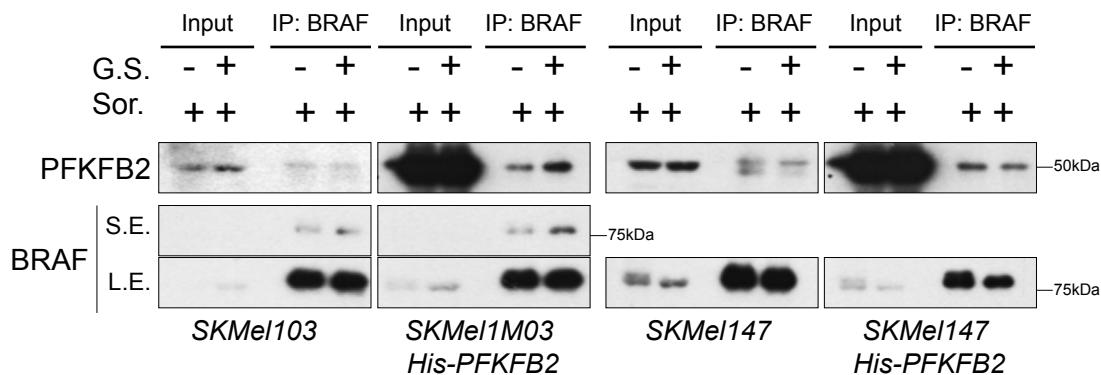
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AMPK- alpha-1 4	64	n.d.	-	-	217.3	9	24	11	51.1	2	3.6	2	98.3	6	12.3	6	
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CDC37	44.4	105.1	6	18.5	6	135.9	7	24.1	7	165.6	8	26.7	9	186.4	7	24.1	8
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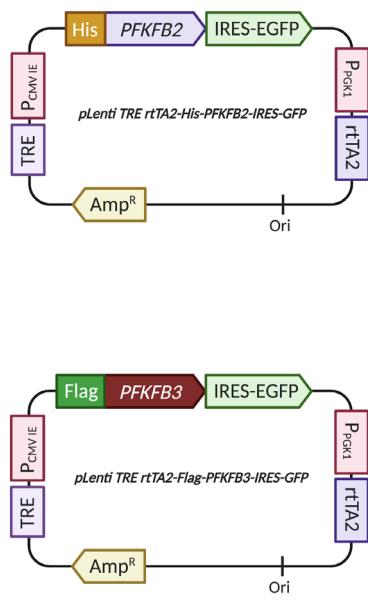
Supplementary Figure 7: Human PFKFB2 phosphorylation residues. (a) Graph showing the putative residues to be phosphorylated by the top (high stringency, Score-Cutoff>2) kinases according to the residue sequence context after human PFKFB2 sequence analysis using GPS 5.0. (b) Map of the lentiviral construct containing the His-tagged-PFKFB2 isoform. (c) Representative pictures of induced infected cells. Bars represent 400μm (d) Western blot showing the response to G.S. and Sor. of NRAS^{Q61} and BRAF^{V600E} mutant induced infected cells. These triplicates were the samples used for the mass spectrometry analysis. S.E short exposure; L.E. long exposure. (e) Table showing the proteins identified by mass spectrometry that have been described in the literature to interact with PFKFB2 (Ocre background) and the new ones likely involved in the studied mechanism (garnet background). G.S.= Glucose starvation; Sor.= Sorafenib.

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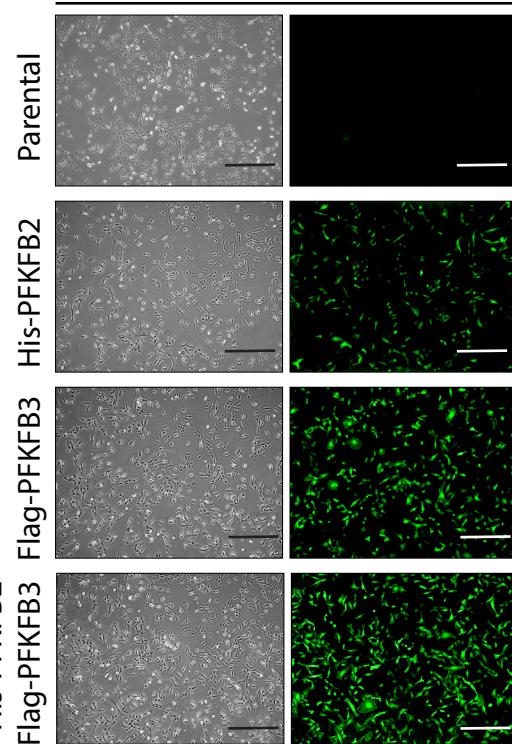
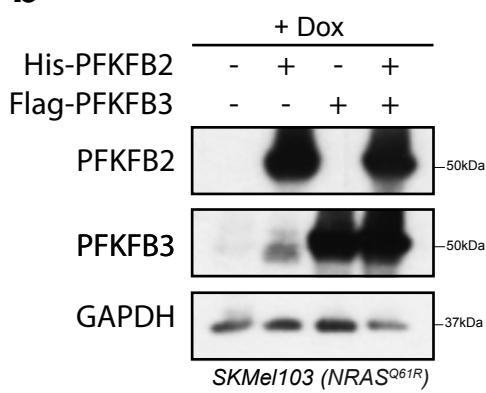
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Supplementary Figure 8: Phosphopeptide analysis of PFKFB2 by mass spectrometry. (a) Phosphopeptide fragmentation spectra of the identified phosphorylated residues. **(b)** Table showing the matches for the queries and percentages of the phosphorylated residue at the indicated site of the analysis. **(c)** Representative immunoblots showing the binding of PFKFB2 to BRAF in parental and His-tagged-PFKFB2 infected cells, upon G.S. and in the presence or absence of Sor. $n=2$ independent biological experiments in the two different cel lines. S.E.= short exposure; L.E.= long exposure; G.S.=4h Glucose starvation; Sor.= Sorafenib

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Supplementary Figure 9: PFKFB2 and PFKFB3 expressing cells. (a) Maps of the constructs expressing the tagged isoforms of PFKFB2 and PFKFB3. On the right, induced infected cells with the diffent constructs. Bars represent 400 μ m. (b) Representative western-blots showing the expression of the indicated proteins. $n=2$ biologically independent experiments in (a) and (b).