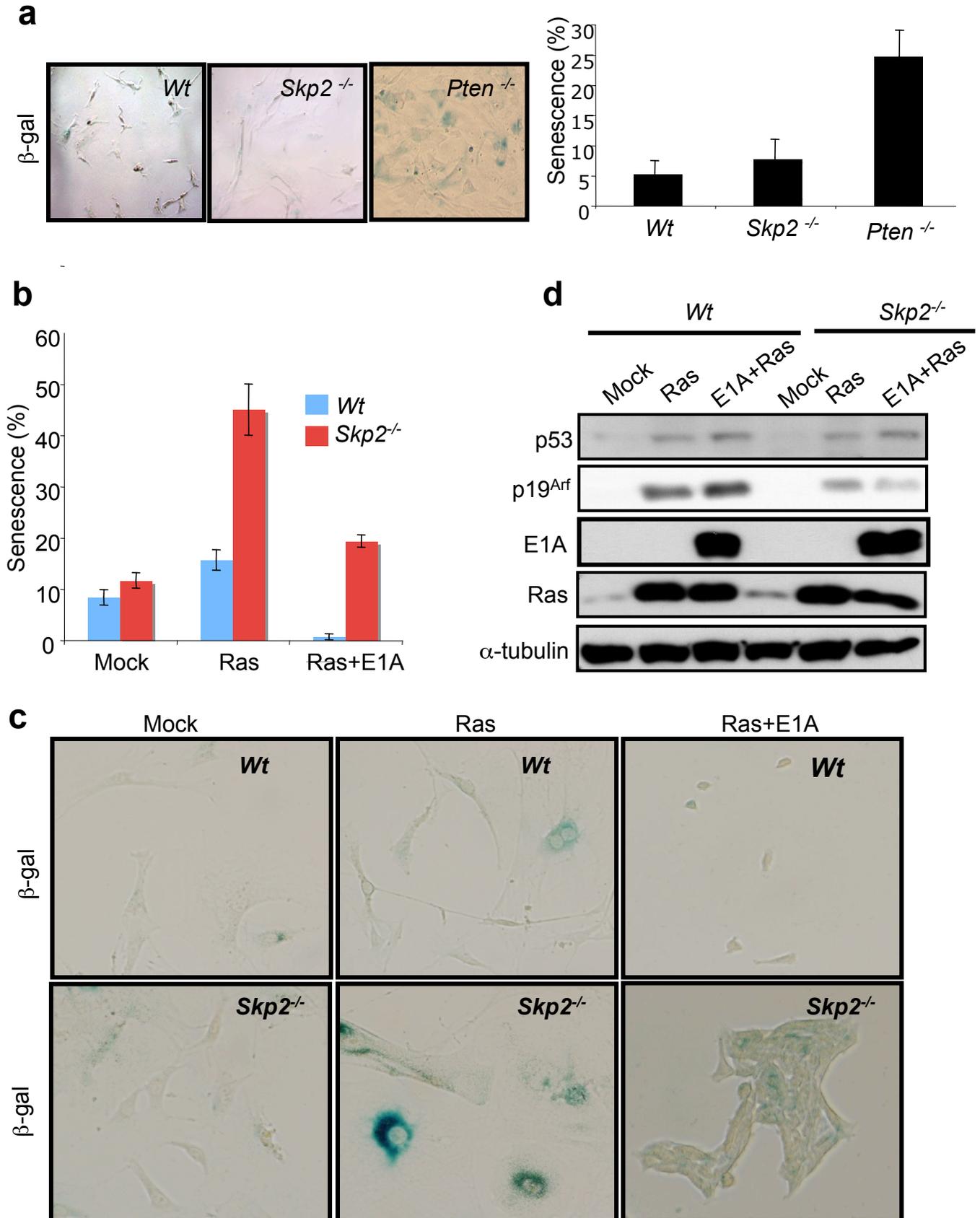


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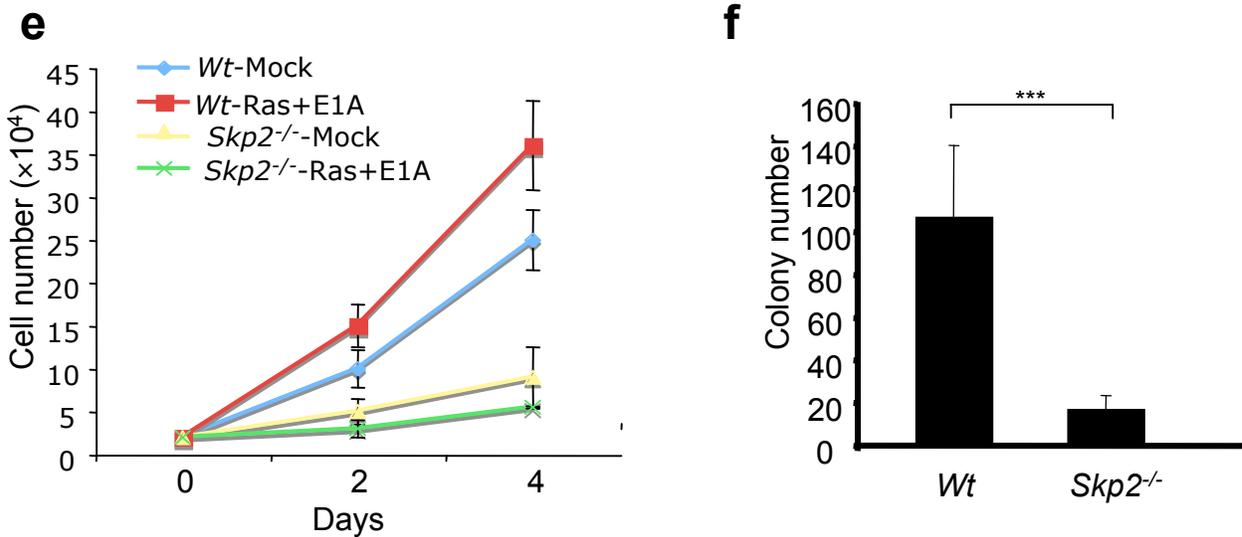


Figure S1. *Skp2* loss triggers a novel senescence response in MEFs in the context of *Pten* inactivation and *Arf* deficiency via a p19^{Arf}/p53-independent pathway. (a) Primary MEFs at passage 5 from various mouse embryos were plated for senescence assay. (b) Cell lysates were collected from primary MEFs of various genotypes of mouse embryos for Western blot analysis. The lysates from Wt MEFs treated with g-irradiated for 60 minutes served as a positive control for p53. (c) Primary *Pten*^{+/-}*Skp2*^{-/-} MEFs infected with retroviruses expressing various control shRNA (shRNA-ctrl), p53 shRNA (shp53), or dominant negative p53 (p53-DN) were plated for senescence assay and Western blot analysis. (d) Primary MEFs at passage 5 from various genotypes of mouse embryos were plated for senescence assay. Results are presented as mean values \pm s.d. from a representative experiment performed in triplicate. ***p<0.001 using two-tailed student's t-test, n=3.

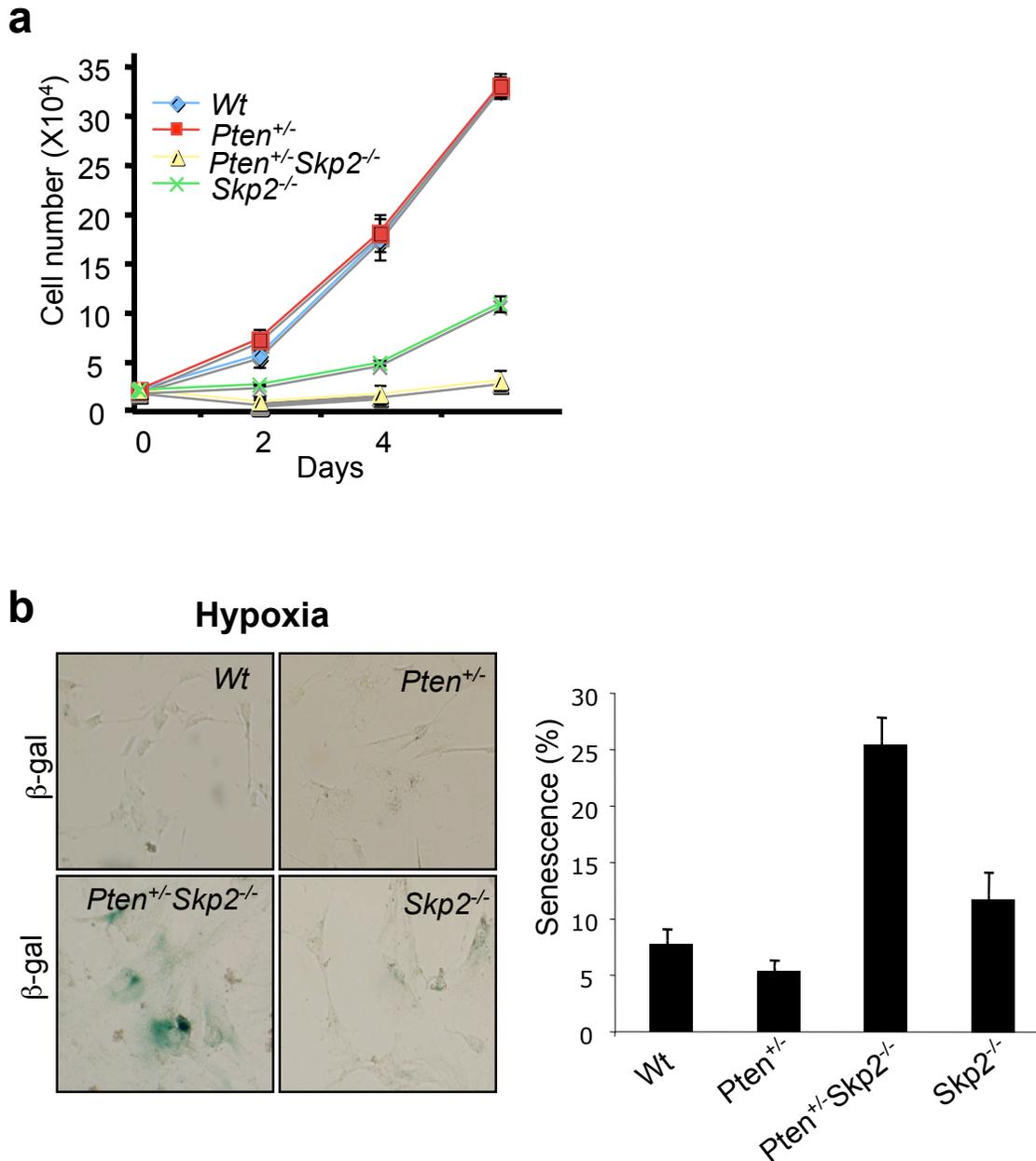


Figure S2. *Pten*^{+/-}*Skp2*^{-/-} MEFs display growth arrest and undergo cellular senescence in conditions of hypoxia. (a) Growth curves of primary MEFs at passage 5 from various genotypes of mouse embryos. Results are mean values \pm s.d. from a representative experiment performed in triplicate. **(b)** Primary MEFs at passage 4 from various mouse embryos were cultured in hypoxia condition (1% O₂) for 4 days, followed by senescence analysis. Results are presented as mean values \pm s.d. from a representative experiment performed in triplicate.

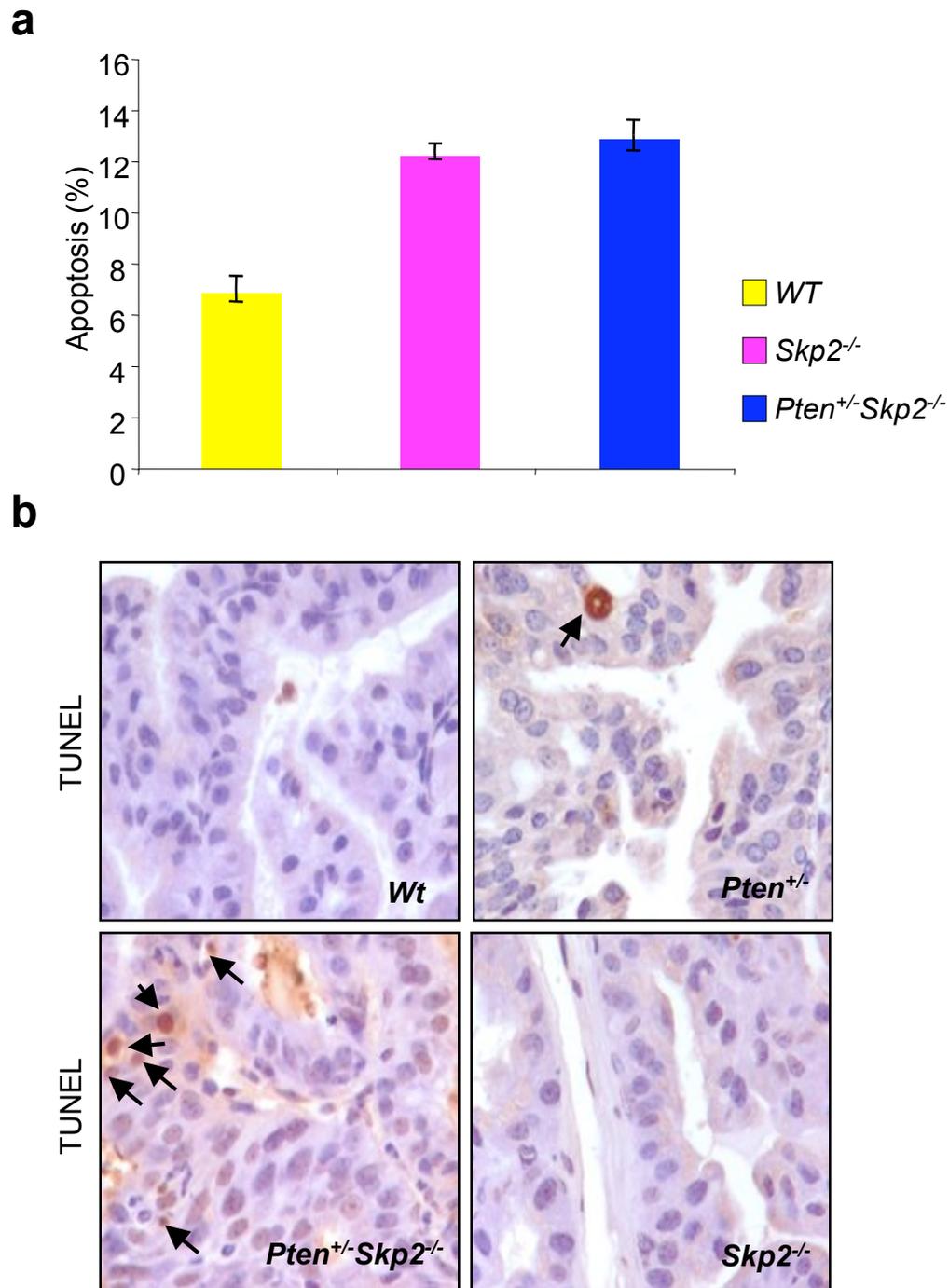


Figure S3. Apoptosis rate in MEFs and prostate samples from various genotypes. (a) Apoptosis assay in primary MEFs at passage 4 from various genotypes of mouse embryos. (b) TUNEL staining in prostate tissues from 3-month-old mice of various genotypes. Arrows indicate apoptotic cells.



Figure S4. *Pten*^{+/-}*Skp2*^{-/-} MEFs neither display p19^{Arf} protein induction nor evidence of DNA damage. Cell lysates were collected from primary MEFs of various genotypes of mouse embryos for Western blot analysis. The lysates from *WT* MEFs γ -irradiated for 60 minutes served as a positive control for p53. The lysates from *Lrf*^{-/-} and *Arf*^{-/-} served as positive and negative controls, respectively.

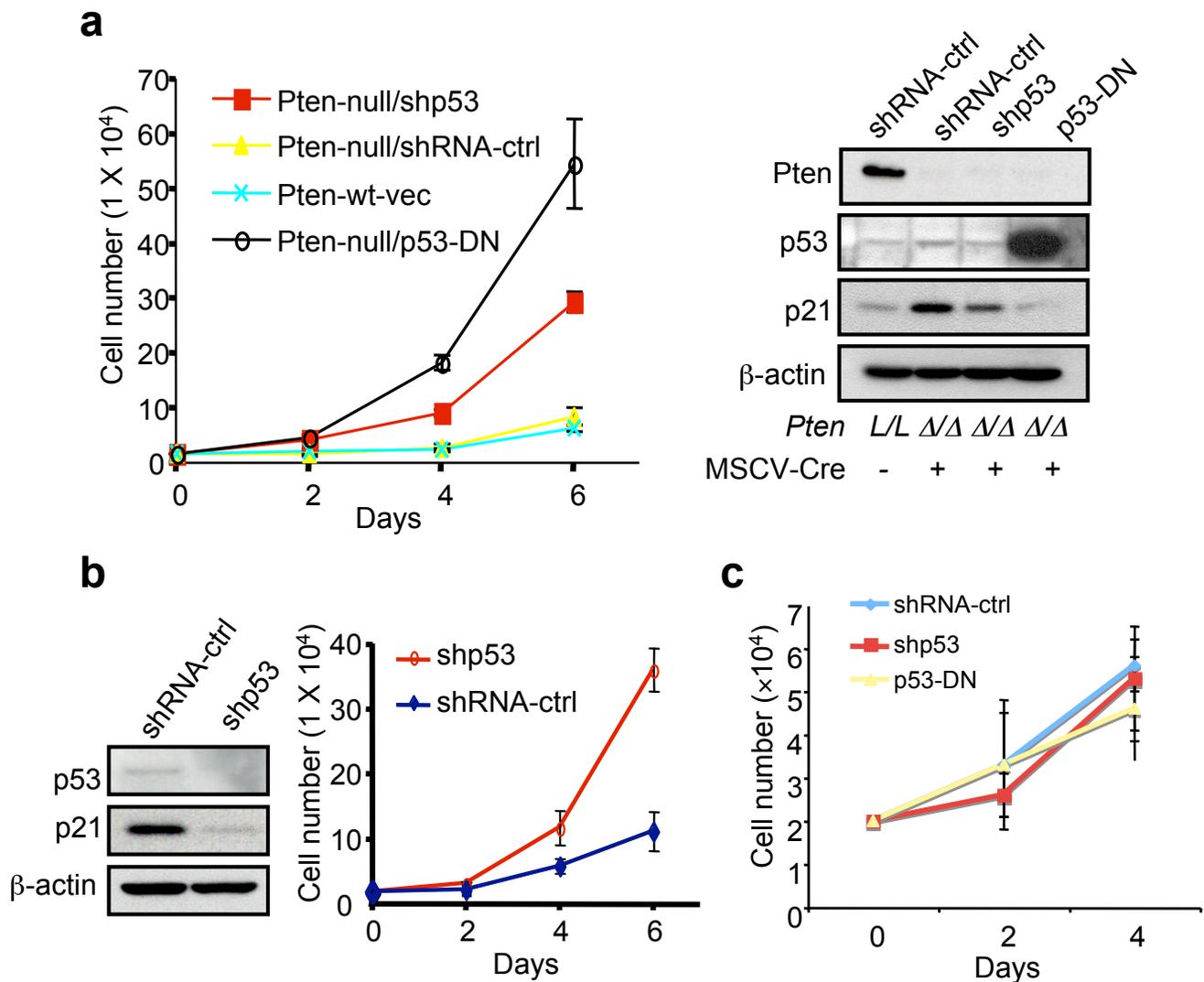


Figure S5. Effect of p53 inactivation on cell proliferation of MEFs of various genotypes. (a) *Pten*^{lox/lox} MEFs at passage 2 were infected with retroviruses expressing control, Cre recombinase in combination of control shRNA (shRNA-ctrl), p53 shRNA (shp53), or p53 dominant negative (*p53-DN*), selected, and plated for cell proliferation (left panel) and Western blot analysis (right panel). (b) *Wt* MEFs were infected with retroviruses expressing control shRNA and p53 shRNA, selected, and plated for cell proliferation and Western blot analysis. (c) Primary *Pten*^{+/-}*Skp2*^{-/-} MEFs were infected with retroviruses expressing shRNA-ctrl, shp53, or p53-DN as indicated, selected, and plated for cell proliferation assay. Results are presented as mean values \pm s.d. from a representative experiment performed in triplicate.

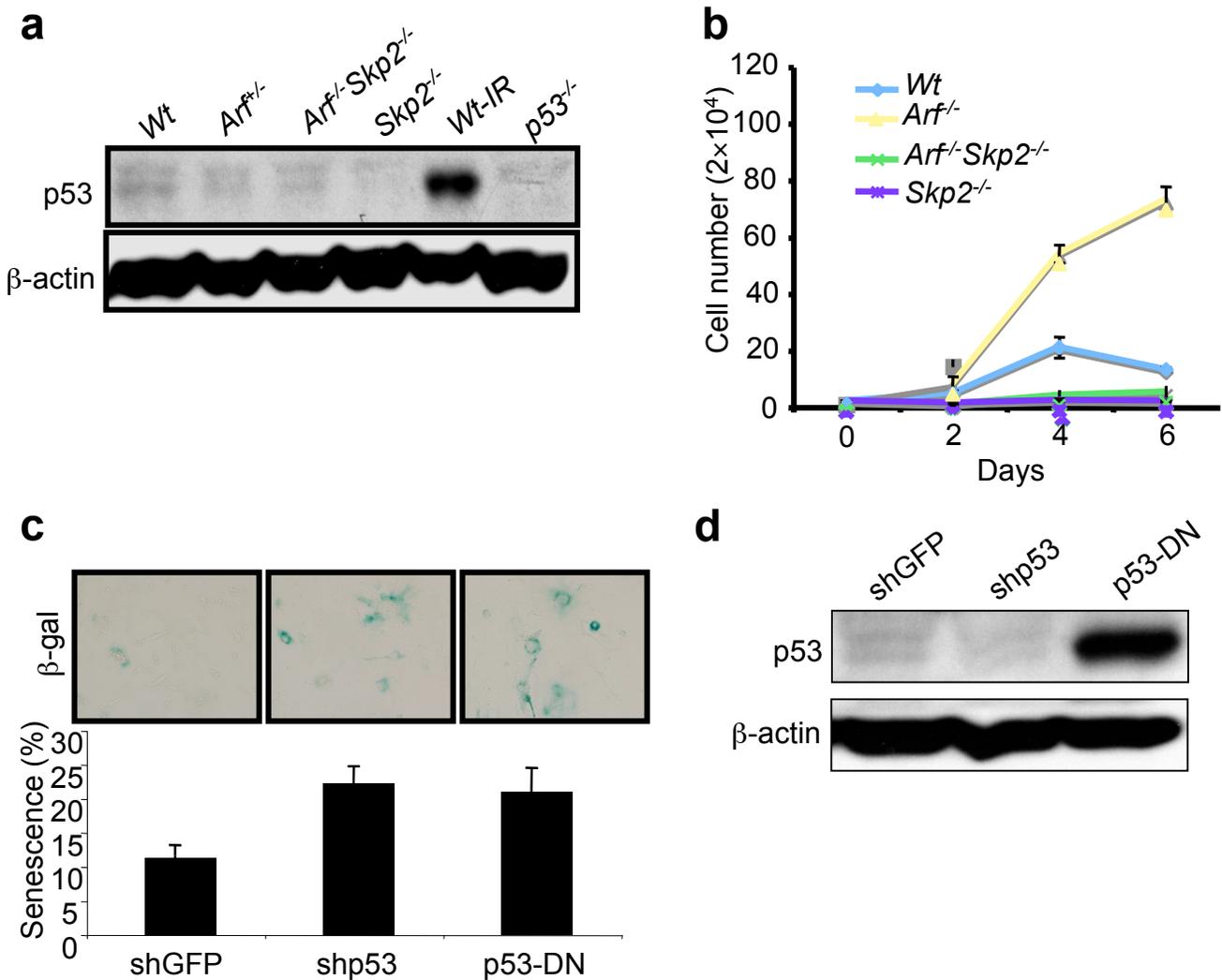


Figure S6. *Skp2* deficiency induces growth arrest and cellular senescence in the context of *Arf/p53* inactivation. (a) Cell lysates were collected from primary MEFs of various genotypes of mouse embryos for Western blot analysis. The lysates from *Wt* MEFs upon 60 minutes γ -irradiation and *p53*^{-/-} MEFs served as positive and negative controls, respectively. (b) Growth curves of primary MEFs at passage 5 from various genotypes of mouse embryos. Results are mean values \pm s.d. from a representative experiment performed in triplicate. (c, d) *Skp2*^{-/-} MEFs at passage 2 were infected with retroviruses expressing GFP shRNA, p53 shRNA (shp53), or p53DN as indicated, selected, and plated for senescence assay (c) and Western blot assay (d).

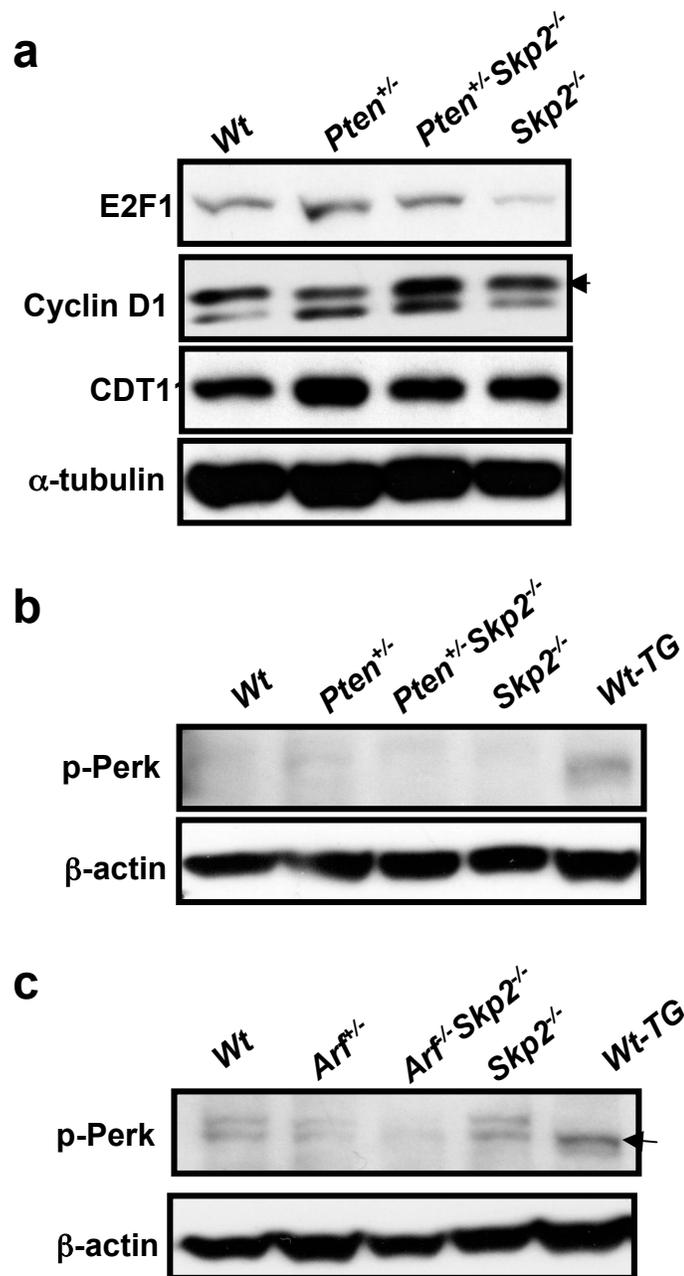


Figure S7. p-Perk levels are not induced in *Pten*^{+/-}*Skp2*^{-/-} and *Arf*^{+/-}*Skp2*^{-/-} MEFs. (a) Cell lysates were collected from primary MEFs of various genotypes of mouse embryos for Western blot analysis. (b, c) Cell lysates were collected from primary MEFs of various genotypes of mouse embryos for Western blot analysis. The lysates from *Wt* MEFs treated with 10 μ M thapsigargin (TG) for 20 min served as a positive control.

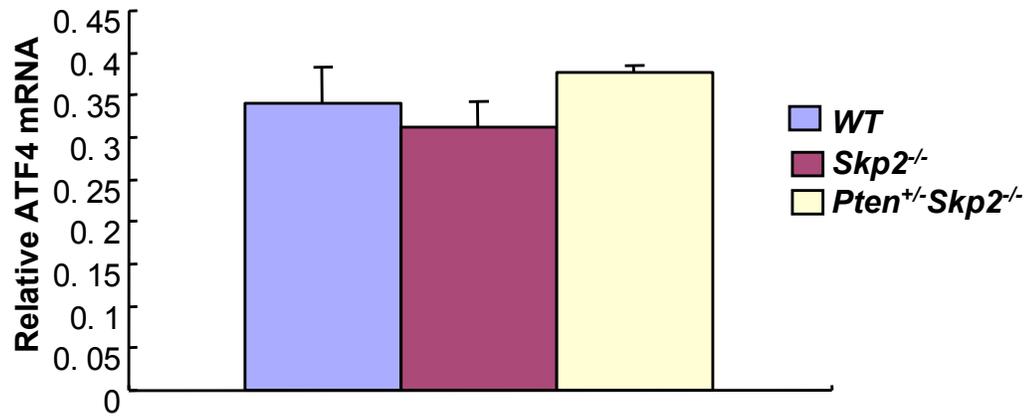


Figure S8. ATF4 mRNA level is not upregulated in *Pten*^{+/-}*Skp2*^{-/-} MEFs. Primary MEFs of various genotypes of mouse embryos were harvested and ATF4 mRNA levels were analyzed by real-time PCR.

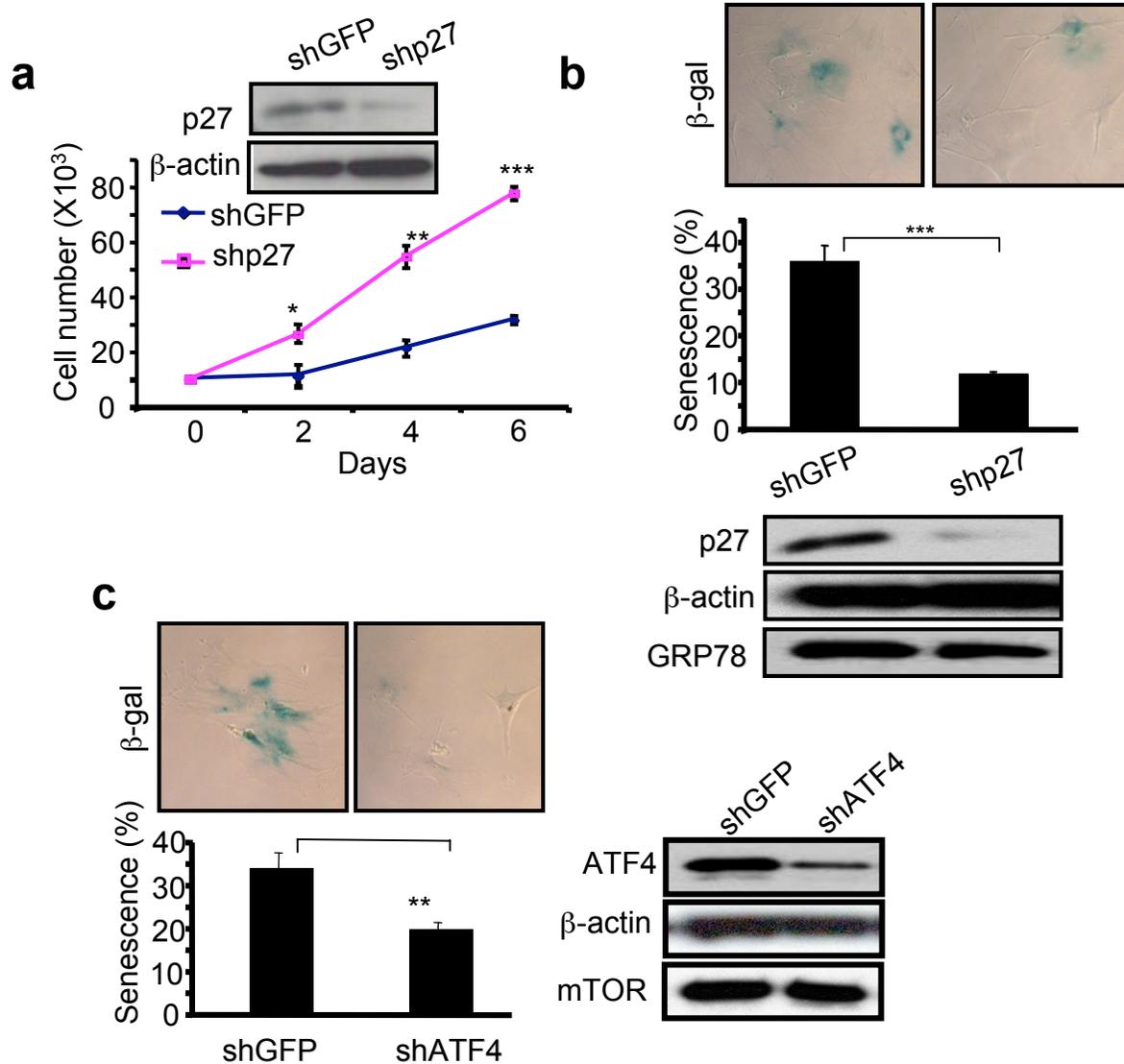


Figure S9. p27 and ATF4 upregulation contributes to cellular senescence in *Pten*^{+/-}*Skp2*^{-/-} MEFs. (a, b) *Pten*^{+/-}*Skp2*^{-/-} MEFs at passage 2 were infected with retroviruses expressing GFP shRNA or p27 shRNA as indicated, selected, and plated for cell proliferation (a) and senescence assays (b). The results are mean values \pm s.d. from a representative experiment performed in triplicate. (c) *Pten*^{+/-}*Skp2*^{-/-} MEFs at passage 2 were infected with retroviruses expressing GFP shRNA or ATF4 shRNA as indicated, selected, and plated for western blot analysis and senescence assays. The results are mean values \pm s.d. from a representative experiment performed in triplicate. * $p < 0.05$, ** $p < 0.01$, *** $p < 0.001$ using two-tailed student's t-test, $n = 3$.

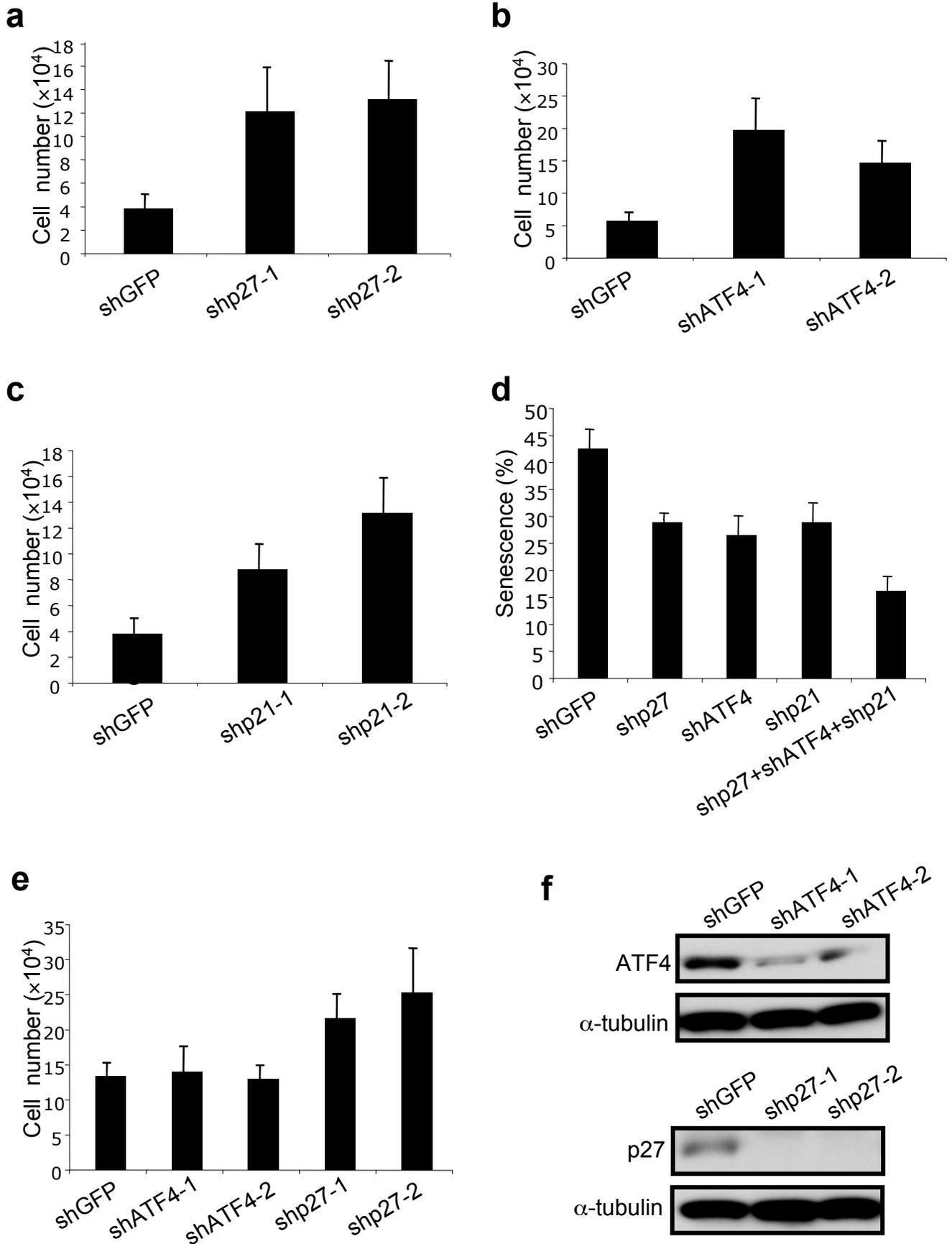


Figure S10. Silencing of p27, ATF4 and p21 reverses cell growth arrest and cellular senescence in *Skp2*^{-/-} MEFs. (a-c) *Pten*^{+/-}*Skp2*^{-/-} MEFs at passage 2 were infected with lentiviruses expressing GFP shRNA (a-c), p27 shRNA (a), ATF4 shRNA (b) and p21 shRNA (c) as indicated, selected, and plated for cell proliferation assay. 10,000 cells were plated in a 12-well plate and 4 days later the cell number was counted. Results are mean values \pm s.d. from a representative experiment performed in triplicate. (d) *Pten*^{+/-}*Skp2*^{-/-} MEFs at passage 2 were infected with lentiviruses expressing individual p27 shRNA, ATF4 shRNA, p21 shRNA, or in combination as indicated, selected, and plated for senescence assay and Western blot analysis. (e, f) *Skp2*^{-/-} MEFs at passage 2 were infected with lentiviruses expressing GFP, p27, or ATF4 shRNAs as indicated, selected, and plated for cell proliferation assays by direct cell counting (e) and Western blot analysis (f).

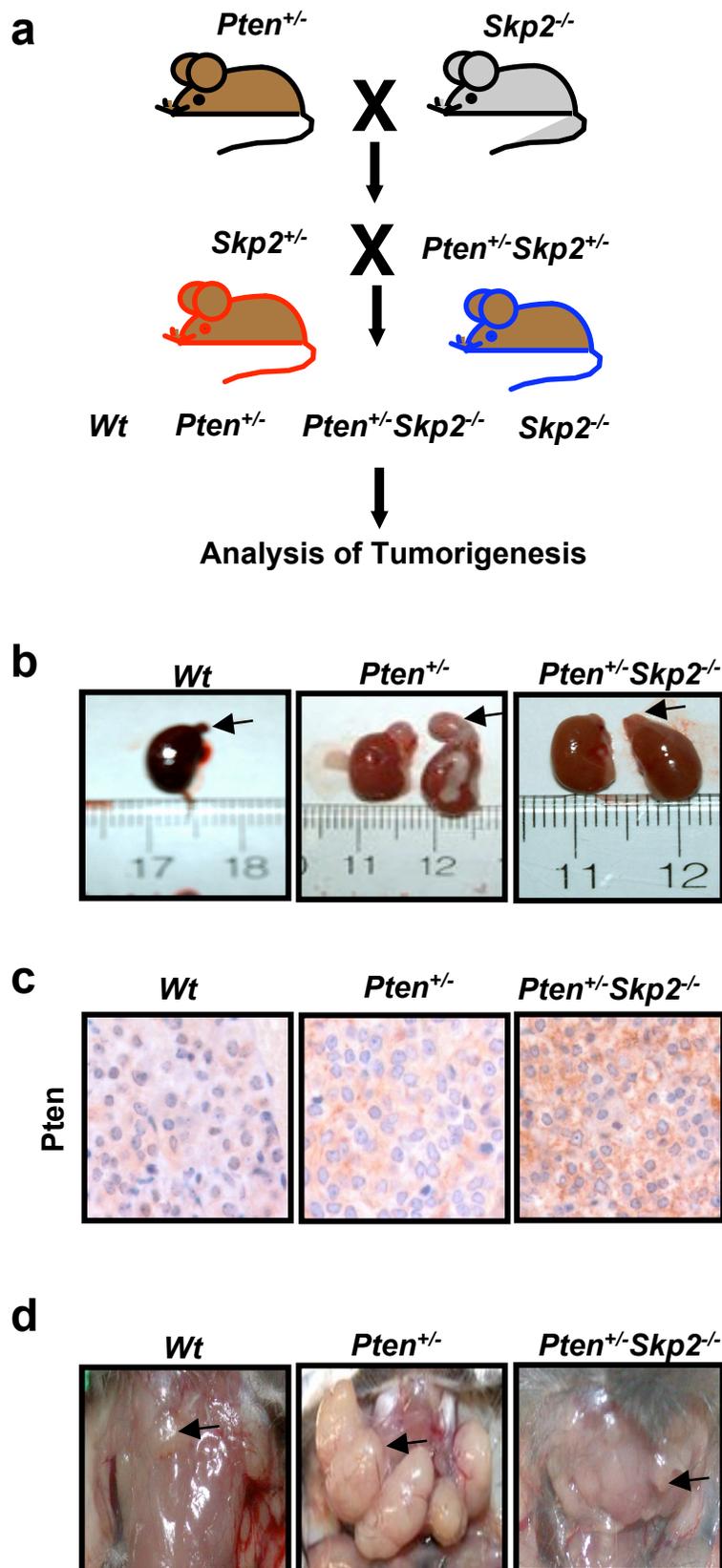


Figure S11. *Skp2* deficiency abrogates adrenal tumour formation and lymphadenopathy in *Pten* heterozygous mutants. (a) Scheme of *Pten*^{+/-} and *Skp2*^{-/-} mice breeding strategy for analysis of tumourigenesis. (b) Post-mortem analysis of adrenal tissues from 12-month-old *Wt*, *Pten*^{+/-}, and *Pten*^{+/-}*Skp2*^{-/-} mice. (c) Adrenal tissues from 12-month-old mice of various genotypes were obtained for Pten IHC analysis. (d) Post-mortem analysis of sub-mandibular lymph nodes obtained from 5-month-old female mice of various genotypes.

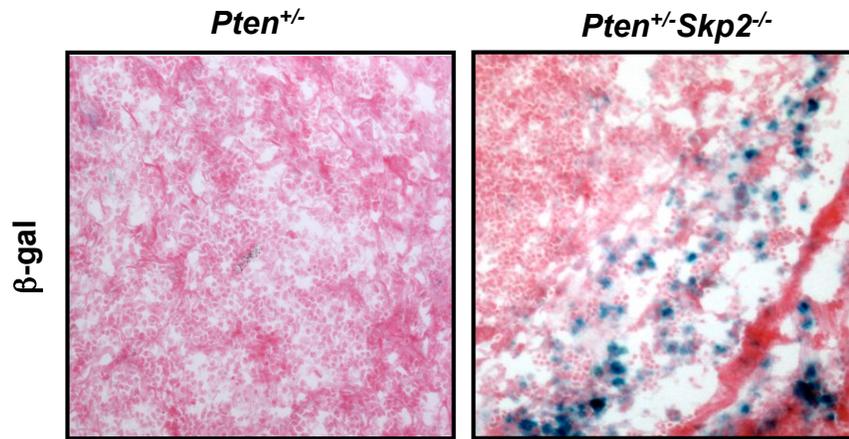


Figure S12. Cellular senescence occurs in lymphoid tissues from *Pten*^{+/-}*Skp2*^{-/-} mice *in vivo*. Senescence analysis of lymphoid tissue from 5-month-old *Pten*^{+/-} and *Pten*^{+/-}*Skp2*^{-/-} mice, as determined by β-gal staining.

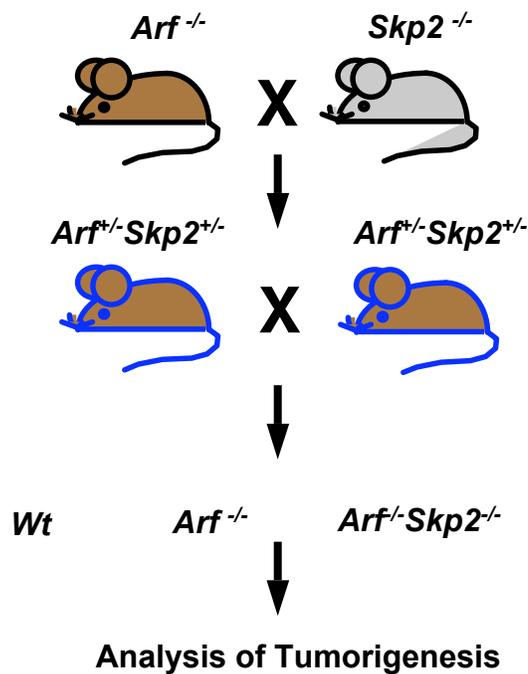
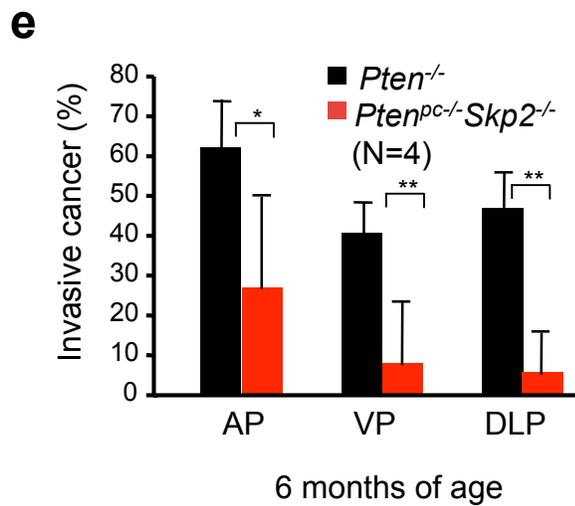
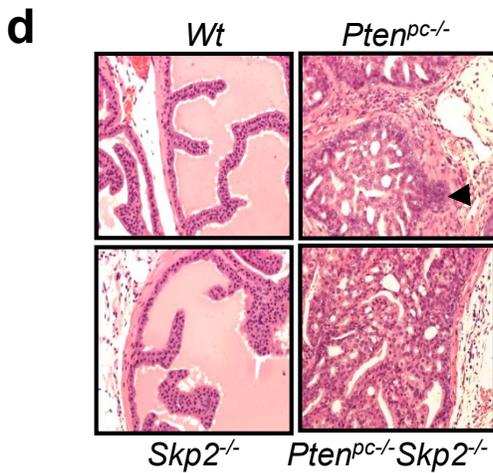
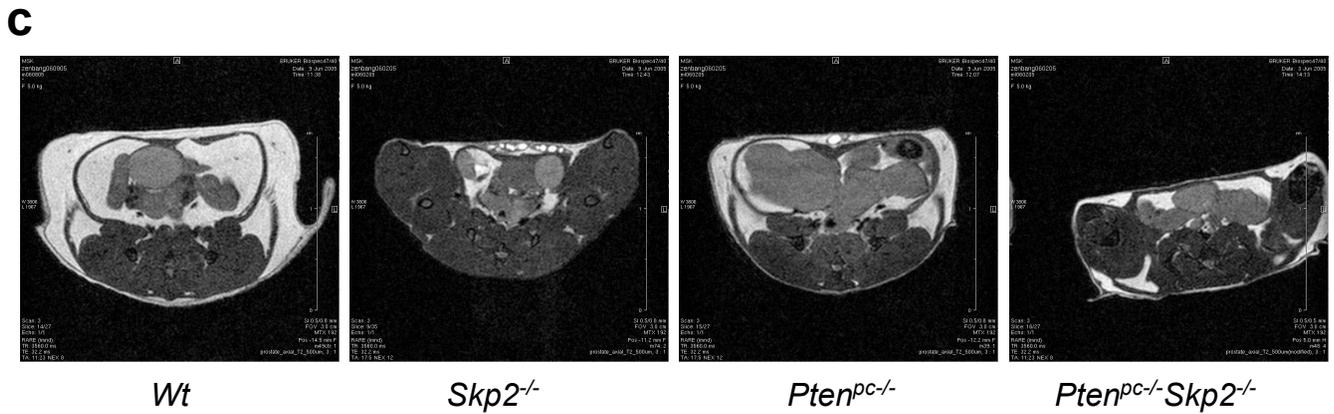
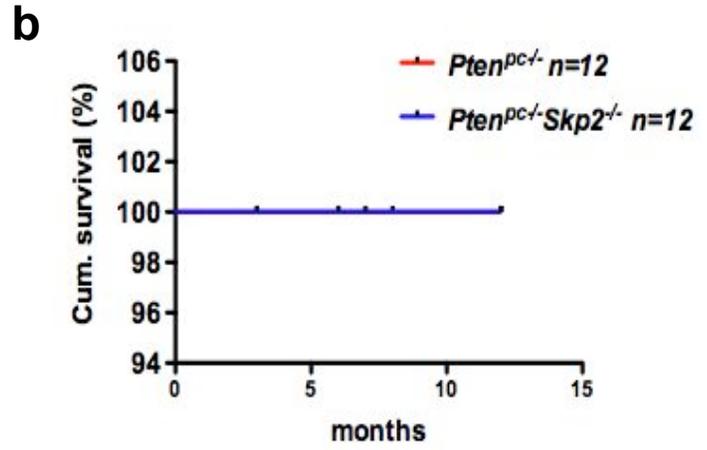
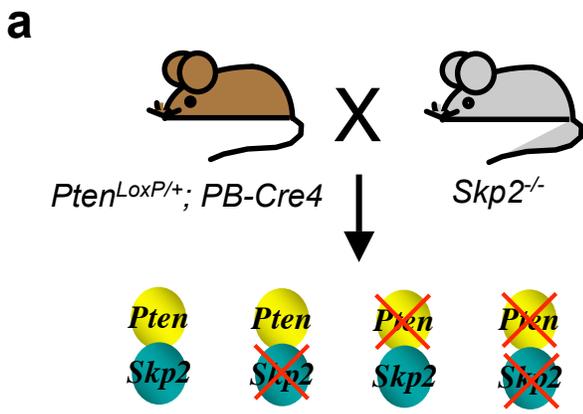


Figure S13. Scheme of *Arf*^{-/-} and *Skp2*^{-/-} mice breeding strategy for analysis of tumorigenesis.



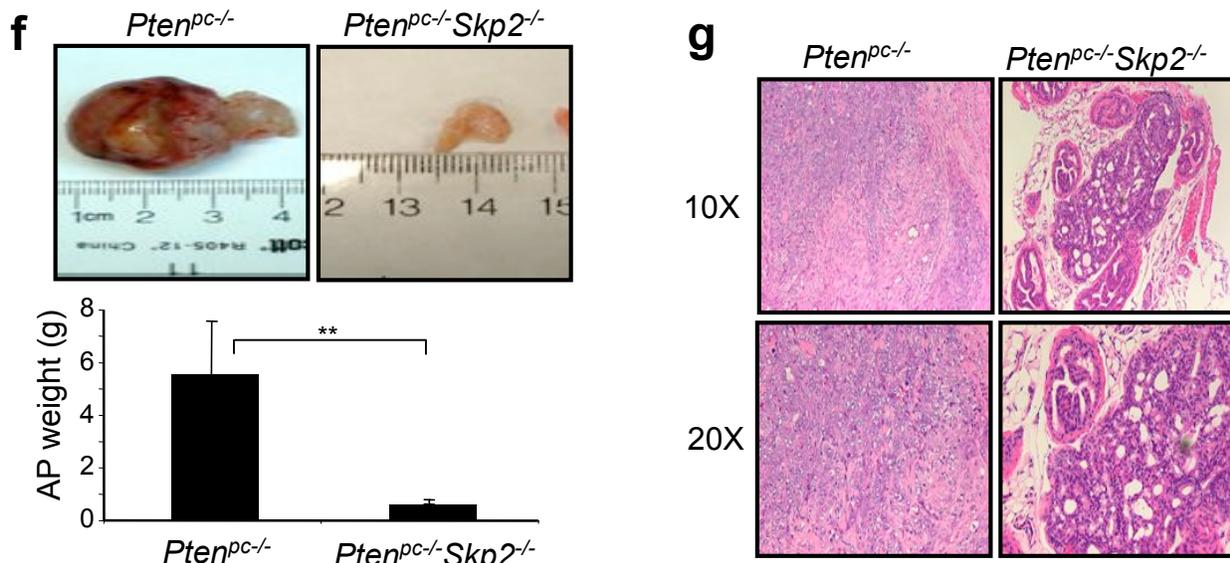


Figure S14. *Skp2* deficiency restricts prostate cancer development upon complete *Pten* inactivation in the prostate (a) Scheme of *Pten^{LoxP/LoxP}; Pb-Cre4* and *Skp2^{-/-}* mice breeding strategy for analysis of prostate tumorigenesis. (b) Kaplan-Meier plot of cumulative survival of *Pten^{pc/-}* and *Pten^{pc/-}Skp2^{-/-}* mutants. (c) MRI comparison of AP tumours from 24-week-old *Skp2^{-/-}*, *Pten^{pc/-}*, and *Pten^{pc/-}Skp2^{-/-}* mutants, and *Wt* controls. (d) Histopathological analysis of AP in various genotypes of mice at 24 weeks of age reveals normal glands in *Wt* and *Skp2^{-/-}* mice but PIN lesions in *Pten^{pc/-}Skp2^{-/-}* mice and invasion (arrow) in *Pten^{pc/-}* mice. (e) Quantification of percentages of invasive prostate cancer in each lobe of *Pten^{pc/-}* and *Pten^{pc/-}Skp2^{-/-}* mice at 24 weeks of age. AP: anterior prostate lobe; VP: ventral prostate lobe; DLP: dorsal lateral prostate lobe. In each lobe, individual glands displaying invasive features were scored versus the total glands. Results are mean values \pm s.d. * $p < 0.05$, ** $p < 0.01$ using two-tailed student's t-test, $n = 4$. (f) Post mortem analysis of AP from 15-month-old *Pten^{pc/-}* and *Pten^{pc/-}Skp2^{-/-}* mice was performed. Actual lobe sizes and weights were presented. Results are mean values \pm s.d. ** $p < 0.01$ using two-tailed student's t-test, $n = 3$. (g) Histopathological analysis of AP from 15-month-old *Pten^{pc/-}* and *Pten^{pc/-}Skp2^{-/-}* mice. *Pten^{pc/-}* mice developed invasive prostate cancer, which was profoundly inhibited in *Pten^{pc/-}Skp2^{-/-}* mice.

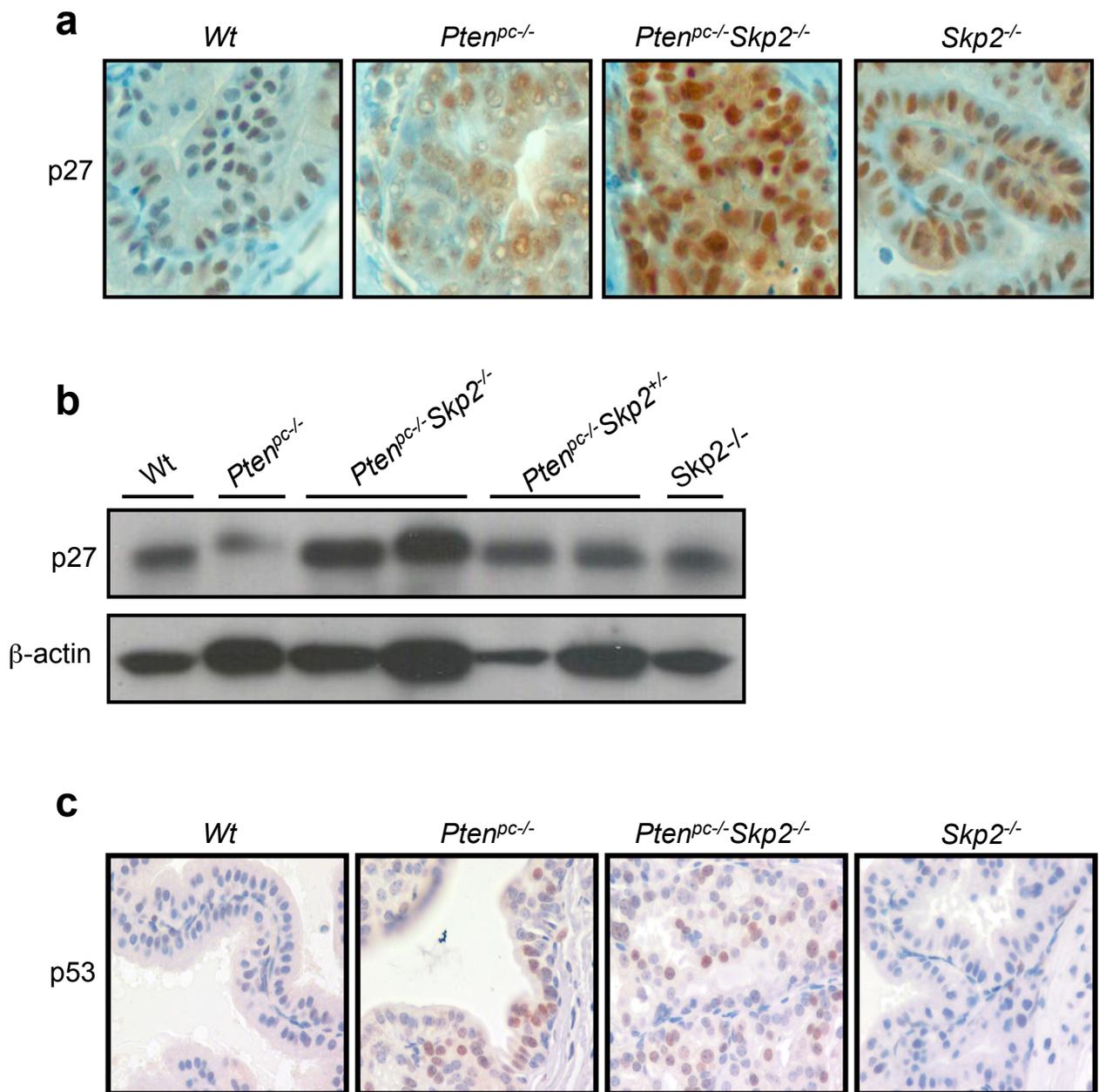


Figure S15. *Skp2* deficiency cooperates with *Pten* inactivation to induce p27 expression, but not p53 expression, in the prostate. (a, b) AP from 6-month-old mice of indicated genotypes was obtained for p27 IHC (a) and Western blot analysis (b). (c) AP from 6-month-old mice of indicated genotypes was obtained for p53 IHC.

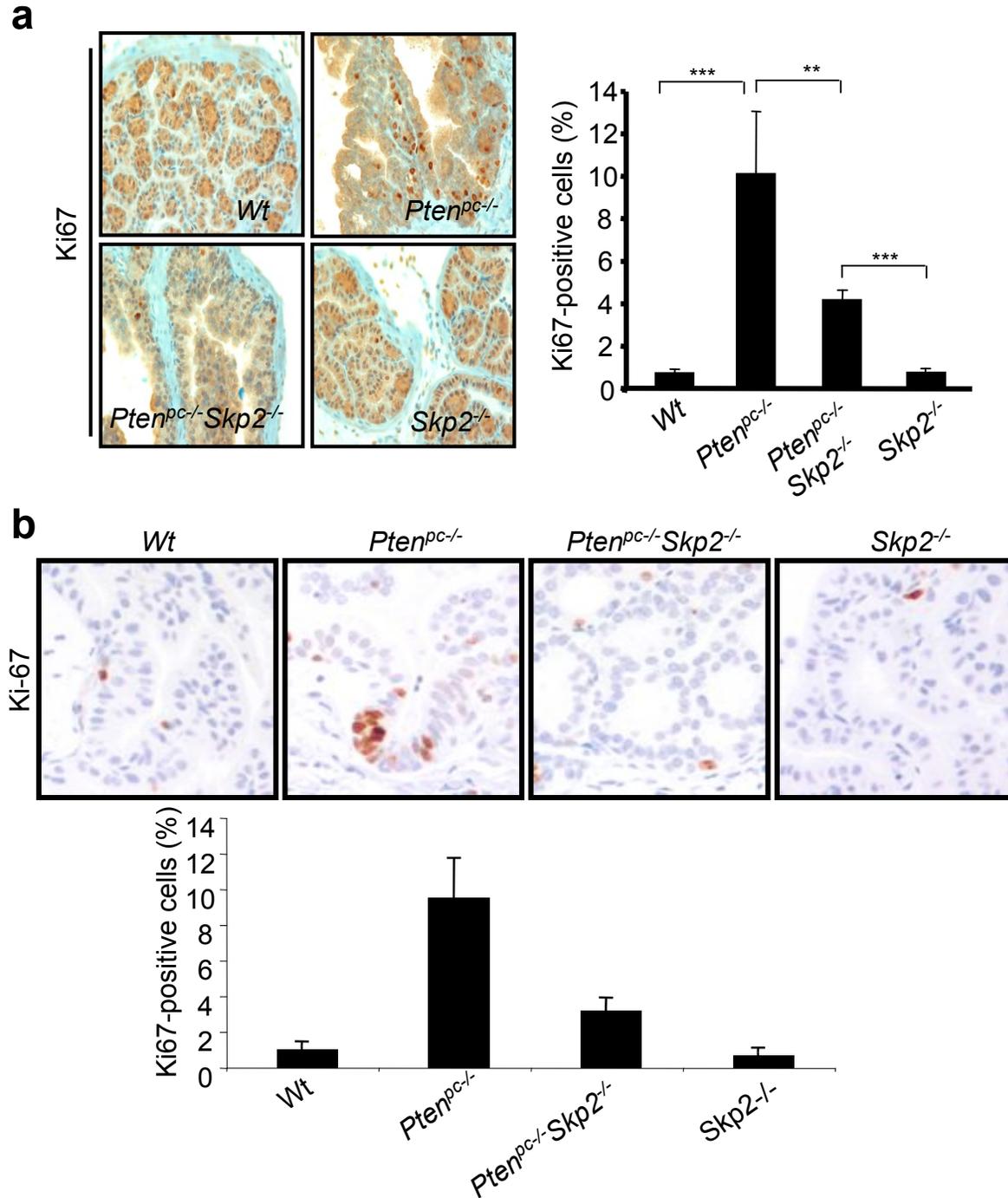


Figure S16. *Skp2* deficiency restricts cell proliferation. (a) Quantification of Ki-67 staining of AP from 3-month-old mice. Representative sections from three mice were counted for each genotype. Results are mean values \pm s.d. ****** $p < 0.01$, ******* $p < 0.001$ using two-tailed student's t-test, $n = 3$. **(b)** Quantification of Ki-67 staining of AP from 6-month-old mice. Representative sections from three mice were counted for each genotype. Results are mean values \pm s.d.

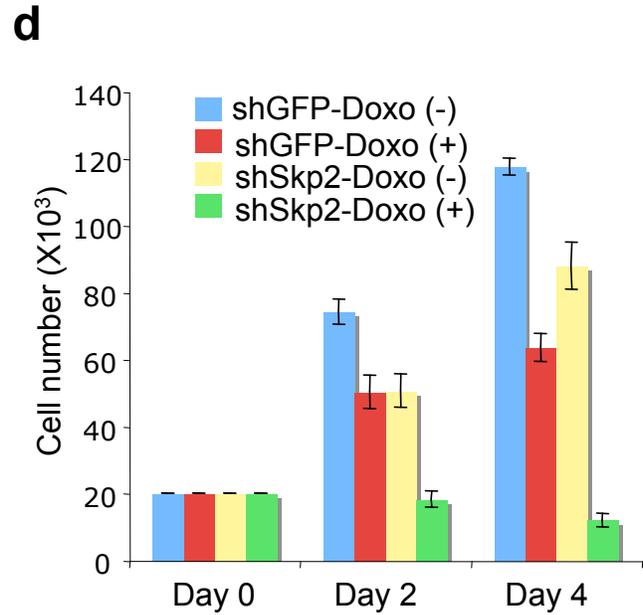
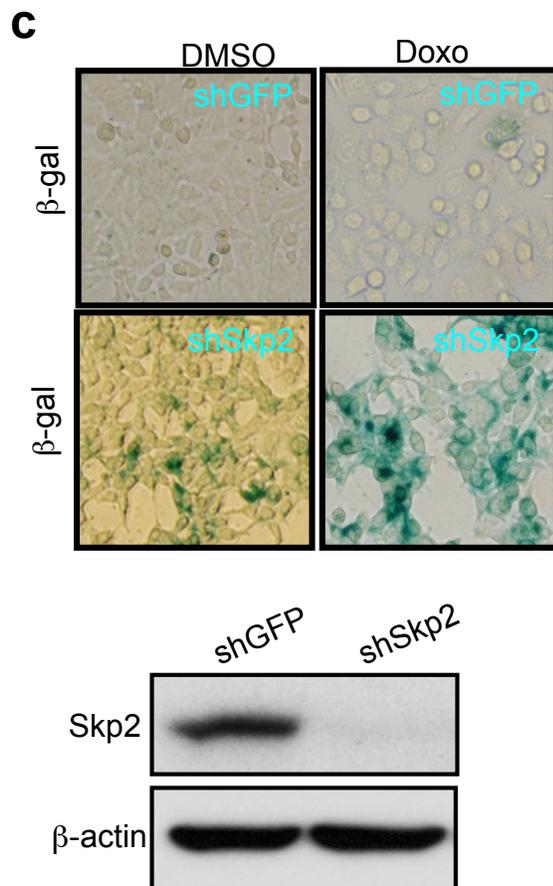
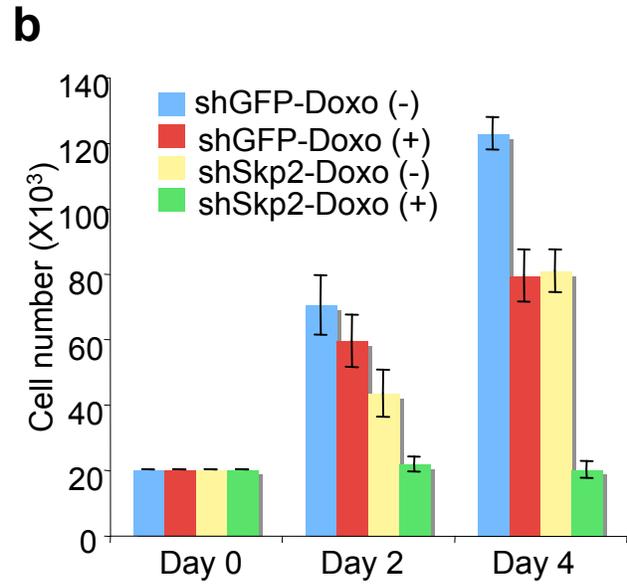
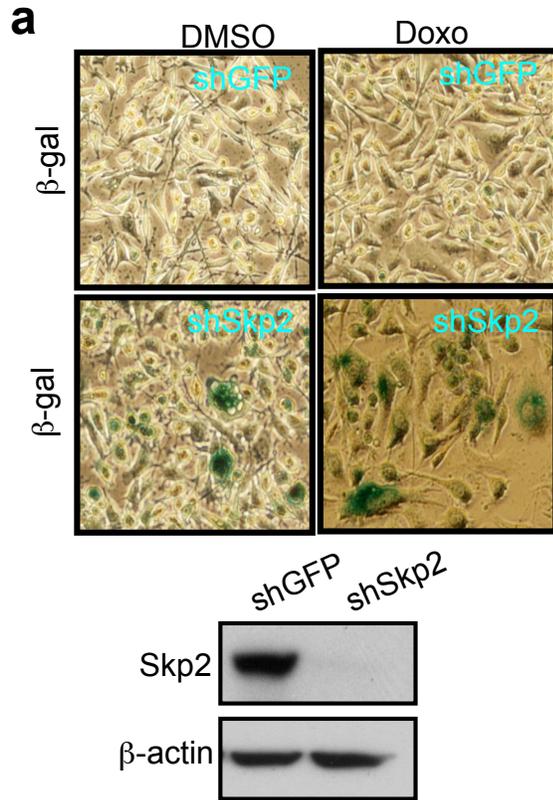


Figure S17. *Skp2* knockdown induces cellular senescence and cooperates with DNA damage agent to trigger cellular senescence in human prostate cancer cells. (a, c) PC3 cells (a) and DU145 (c) infected with lentiviruses expressing *Skp2* shRNA were treated with vehicle or 30 nM Doxorubicin (Doxo) for 4 days and harvested for senescence assay. (b, d) PC3 cells (b) and DU145 (d) infected with lentiviruses expressing *Skp2* shRNA were treated with vehicle or 30 nM Doxorubicin (Doxo) for various time points and harvested for cell proliferation. The results are mean values \pm s.d. from a representative experiment performed in triplicate.