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Software and code

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Data collection	No specific code was used for data collection
Data analysis	<p>Data analysis was performed with software tools (MaxQuant v2.4.0.0 and DIA-NN v1.8.2 beta 11). MaxQuant and DIA-NN output were processed in R (v4.3.0). Normalisation and differential abundance analysis were performed using the limma package (v3.56.1). Raw data and spectra were manually inspected using the Bruker Data Analysis tool.</p> <p>The R scripts necessary to perform SPIED-DIA analysis, as well as the scripts to perform the analyses relevant to the main figures in the manuscript can be found at https://github.com/Mirjamva/SPIED-DIA. The repository was linked to Zenodo (https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.15045498)</p>

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Mass spectrometry raw files as well as MaxQuant and DIA-NN output files, spectral libraries and associated files have been deposited to the ProteomeXchange Consortium via the PRIDE partner repository. The accession ID is PXD050961 [<https://www.ebi.ac.uk/pride/archive/projects/PXD050961>]. The processed data such as normalized intensities and results of the differential expression analysis as derived from the proteomics experiments are available as Supplementary Data files. The raw data of the Bio-Plex and live-cell imaging experiments are provided as Supplementary Data files.

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Recruitment	n/a
Ethics oversight	n/a

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Life sciences study design

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Sample size	The sample size was set to 4 biological replicates for the Bio-Plex experiment and 3 biological replicates for all other experiments.
Data exclusions	During the Bio-Plex data-processing, obvious outliers among replicates (absolute z-score ≥ 3 for all three phospho-sites measurements) were removed. For LC-MS measurements, one sample was lost during sample preparation (belonging to DLD-1 GFmix group) and one sample was excluded due to disappointing MS performance (Caco2, belonging to MEKi condition). During data-processing of the cell-growth imaging experiment, raw growth curves were visually scanned for outliers.
Replication	4 biological replicates were collected per experimental group for the Bio-Plex experiments. For all LC-MS measurements we aimed to collect 3 biological replicates. For the cell-growth curve experiments 3 biological replicates were collected. 4 images were captured per well. Technological replicates were included for the control conditions
Randomization	The order of within experiment LC-MS measurements was randomized to ensure any variance due to (small) changes in chromatography or machine performance would not be reflected in the experimental groups.
Blinding	Not relevant: data acquisition and analysis were performed in an automated way.

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Antibodies

Antibodies used	We used bead-based ELISAs, called Bio-plex pro Phosphoprotein magnetic 3-plex Assay (BioRad), containing antibodies against Akt (Ser473), Erk2 (Thr185/Tyr187), MEK1 (Ser217/Ser221). Kit number LQ000000001ZG
Validation	ELISAs were validated by BioRad, as well as in [https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pcbi.1009515], where we perturbed cells with small molecule inhibitors targeting MEK and PI3K which validated the response of the ELISAs.

Eukaryotic cell lines

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Cell line source(s)	Human colorectal cell-lines used in the Bio-Plex screen (Colo205, Colo678, DLD-1, GEO, HCT116, HT29, LIM1215, RKO, SW403, SW480 and Caco-2) were provided by AG Sers Molekulare Tumorphathologie (Charité-Universitätsmedizin). All other experiments were performed using HCT116, Caco2 and DLD-1 directly obtained from ATCC (Manassas, Virginia, USA).
Authentication	The human colorectal cell-lines used in the Bio-Plex screen and cell lines directly obtained from ATCC were authenticated via PCR-single-locus technology
Mycoplasma contamination	All cell lines were tested negative for mycoplasma contamination.
Commonly misidentified lines (See ICLAC register)	n/a

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