Supplemental Figure 1

A) Hematoxilin and Eosin (H&E) staining of backskin, ear and tail from epidermal *c-fos*-deficient mice and controls shows no differences in differentiation. Scale bar represents 100µm. 10X magnification.

B) Ki67 staining of backskin, ear and tail from epidermal *c-fos*-deficient mice and controls shows no differences in proliferation. Scale bar represents $100\mu m$. 10X magnification.

Supplemental Figure 2

A) Quantification of number of papillomas per mouse upon DMBA/TPA 2-step skin carcinogenesis protocol in *c-fos* epidermal-deficient mice (red; n=10) compared to littermate controls (blue; n=10). *p < 0.05 is considered as significant.

B) CAA to CTA H-Ras gene mutation at codon 61 analyses in mice lacking epidermal *c-fos* and controls. *c-fos* deficiency does not alter mutation frequency. Representative image. n=10

C) Quantification of percentages of proliferative and apoptotic keratinocytes in 4-weekold K5-SOS⁺ *c-fos* epidermal-deficient mice compared to littermate controls after Ki67 immunohistochemistry (left panel) or TUNEL assay (right panel) shows no differences in proliferation or apoptosis. n=7 per genotype.

D) Immunohistochemistry analyses show c-fos expression in c-fos-deficient K5-SOS⁺ papillomas of 6-week-old mice compared to controls. *c-fos*-deficient mice show background signal although no positive c-fos nuclei. Similar Keratin 5 (basal cell marker) expression pattern was observed in both cases. Scale bar represents 100μ m. 10X magnification.

E) RT-qPCR analyses show lack of significant changes in *p*16 and *p*19 expression of K5-SOS⁺ papillomas when comparing *c-fos*-deficient epidermis and control mice.

F) RT-qPCR analyses show lack of significant changes in *Presenilin 1* and 2 and *ADAM10* expression of K5-SOS⁺ papillomas when comparing *c-fos*-deficient epidermis and control mice.

G) Western blot upon topical TPA treatment of *c-fos* epidermal-deficient mice and controls in the absence/presence of DAPT. Enhanced differentiation upon TPA treatment is observed, which is impaired by inhibiting Notch activation. Representative image. n=4

Supplemental Figure 3

A) RT-qPCR analyses of primary keratinocytes lacking *c-fos* infected with pBabe retroviruses over-expressing *H-RasV12 (Ras)* or empty vector (Co). Lack of *c-fos* induces increased expression of genes involved in differentiation and growth arrest like *Keratin 10* and *p21* compared to controls. *TIMP-3* levels are reduced upon *Ras* over-expression but not affected by *c-fos* deficiency. Senescence associated markers *p16* and *p19* are not induced in *c-fos*-deficient cells. *p < 0.05 is considered as significant.

B) TACE activity analyses of primary keratinocytes lacking *c-fos* infected with pLPC retroviruses over-expressing *H-RasV12* (pRas), pBabe retroviruses over-expressing *H-RasV12* (pRas) or *GFP* (GFP) for 6 days. Lack of *c-fos* induces precocious TACE activation upon *Ras* over-expression compared to controls. *p < 0.05 is considered as significant. Experiment performed 2 times.

C) Western blot analyses of proliferation markers such as pSer10-HistoneH3 and PCNA after 3 days of *H-RasV12*-over-expression in *c-fos*-deficient keratinocytes showing no significant changes in expression levels compared to control cells.

Supplemental Figure 4

A) Phospho-c-fos western blot analysis of wild-type keratinocytes upon increasing concentrations of Ca2+ for 24 hours shows dose-dependent increased c-fos phosphorylation.

B) RT-qPCR analyses of primary keratinocytes lacking *c-fos* treated with 2mM Ca2+ at different time points. Lack of *c-fos* induces enhanced expression of *p53, TACE, Notch1, Hes1* and of early differentiation markers like *Keratin 1* and *p21*. *p < 0.05 is considered as significant.

C) RT-qPCR analyses of primary keratinocytes lacking *c-fos* treated with 2mM Ca2+ at different time points. Lack of *c-fos* does not alter the expression of basal cell markers like *Keratin 5* and *Keratin 14* as well as levels of *ADAM10*. Lack of *c-fos* induces increased expression of early differentiation markers such as *Keratin 10* and increased levels of *TIMP-1*. Conversely, *TIMP-3 expression* is impaired in keratinocytes lacking *c-fos*. *p < 0.05 is considered as significant.

D) Increased TACE activity upon Ca2+-induced differentiation in *c-fos*-deficient keratinocytes. 24h of 1mM and 2mM Ca2+ treatment. *p < 0.05 is considered as significant.

Supplemental Figure 5

RT-qPCR analyses of primary keratinocytes lacking *c-fos* treated with 10ng/ml of TPA at different time points. Lack of *c-fos* induces increased expression of *p53*, *TACE*, *Notch1* and of early differentiation and growth arrest markers like *Keratin 1*, *Keratin 10*, *p21* as well as of *TIMP-1* compared to controls. *ADAM10* levels are reduced upon TPA in *c-fos*-deficient keratinocytes and *TIMP-3* levels are not significantly changed. *p < 0.05 is considered as significant.

Supplemental Figure 6

A) RT-qPCR analyses of primary keratinocytes concomitantly lacking *c-fos* and *p53* treated with 2mM Ca2+ at different time points. Concomitant *c-fos-* and *p53-*deficiency impairs expression of Notch1, TACE, *Keratin 1, p21, Hes1* and *Keratin 10* compared to controls, which express both *c-fos* and *p53.*

B) CyclinD1 RT-qPCR analyses of primary keratinocytes concomitantly lacking *c-fos* and *p53* infected with empty vector, H-RasV12 (Ras), shTACE and Ras and shTACE viruses.

C) Western blot analyses of *c-fos*-deficient primary keratinocytes upon TACE inhibition with TAPI-1 (broad ADAM and MMP inhibitor) in 2mM Ca2+-inducing differentiation conditions for 24h shows impaired expression of differentiation markers such as NICD and Keratin 1 indicating TACE-dependent precocious differentiation.

C) TACE activity in Ca2+-induced keratinocyte differentiation conditions upon *TACE* siRNA-mediated knock-down. 24h of 2mM Ca2+ treatment. *p < 0.05 is considered as significant.

E) Western blot analyses of wild type keratinocytes upon *ADAM10* siRNA-mediated knock-down shows that upon ADAM10 downregulation, keratinocyte differentiation

measured by expression of Keratin 1, Keratin 10 and NICD is not altered. The results indicate that ADAM10 is dispensable for Ca2+-induced keratinocyte differentiation.

Supplemental Figure 7

A) RT-qPCR analyses show increased *Notch1* mRNA levels upon NICD overexpression in wild-type primary keratinocytes with AdNICD, which is abolished in the presence of MAM51 peptide inhibitor. *p < 0.05 is considered as significant. Experiment performed 2 times.

B) Western blot analyses show increased levels of Notch1 full length upon NICD overexpression in wild-type primary keratinocytes with AdNICD, by using two different antibodies from BD Pharmingen and Santa Cruz Biotechnology. Experiment performed 2 times.

C) RT-qPCR shows unchanged *TACE* expression levels upon NICD over-expression expression in wild-type primary keratinocytes with AdNICD in the absence or presence of MAM51 peptide inhibitor. Experiment performed 2 times.

D) Western blot shows unchanged TACE protein levels upon NICD over-expression with AdNICD in wild-type primary keratinocytes. Experiment performed 2 times.

E) Impaired *Notch1* mRNA expression analyzed by RT-qPCR upon γ -secretase inhibition with DAPT in Ca2+-induced differentiation conditions in primary wild type keratinocytes. *p < 0.05 is considered as significant.

Supplemental Figure 8

A) RT-qPCR analyses of primary keratinocytes lacking *p*53 treated with 2mM Ca2+ at different time points. Lack of *p*53 impairs expression of *TACE*, *Notch1*, *Hes1*, *p*21, *Keratin 1*, *Keratin 10* as well as *TIMP-3*, and no changes in *ADAM10* levels. *p < 0.05 is considered as significant.

B) RT-qPCR analyses of primary keratinocytes lacking *p*53 treated with 10ng/ml of TPA at different time points. Lack of *p*53 impairs the expression of *TACE*, *Notch1*, *Hes1*, *Keratin 1*, *Keratin 10* and *p*21. *p < 0.05 is considered as significant.

Supplemental Figure 9

A) RT-qPCR analyses reveal that wild-type p53 (wt p53) over-expression and not mutant p53 (mut p53), induce the expression of *TACE*, *Notch1*, *Hes 1*, *Keratin 10*, *p21* and does not affect the expression of *Loricrin*, *ADAM10* and *TIMP-3* compared to controls. TACE over-expression induces expression of *Notch1*, *Hes 1*, *Keratin 10*, *p21* and does not alter the levels of *Loricrin*, *ADAM10* and *TIMP-3* compared to controls. Infection of wild-type cells with adenovirus over-expressing NICD (AdNICD) induces the expression of *Notch1*, *Hes 1*, *Keratin 10*, *p21* and *TIMP-3* while no changes in *TACE*, *Loricrin* and *ADAM10*. *p < 0.05 is considered as significant. Experiment performed 2 times.

B) Western blot reveals that wt p53 over-expression, and not mut p53, induces Pro-TACE, TACE, Notch1 and NICD expression in wild type keratinocytes upon transient transfection. Experiment performed 2 times.

C) Western blot analyses of wild-type keratinocytes upon treatment with Nutlin-3 for 24 and 48 hours to induce p53 stabilization. Increased protein levels of Pro-TACE, TACE, Notch1 and NICD are detected when p53 levels are increased by Nutlin-3 treatment.

D) RT-qPCR analyses of primary keratinocytes lacking *p*53 infected with retroviruses over-expressing *H-RasV12* (Ras) or empty vector (Co) after 6 days. Lack of *p*53 does not affect *ADAM10, PSN1/2* expression, but impairs expression *Keratin 10, Involucrin, p16* and *p19.* *p < 0.05 is considered as significant.

E) Western blot analyses of primary keratinocytes lacking *p53* infected with retroviruses over-expressing *H-RasV12* (Ras) or empty vector (Co) after 6 days. Lack of *p53* impairs expression of senescence-associated genes (p16, p19) compared to controls.

Supplemental Figure 10

A) Quantification of number of papillomas and papilloma size average per mouse upon DMBA/TPA 2-step skin carcinogenesis protocol in $p53^{K/K/}$ mice (red; n=7) compared to littermate $p53^{*/*}$ controls (blue; n=7). Similar number and size of tumors are developed.

B) Analyses on proliferation by Ki67 as well as apoptosis by TUNEL assay in the papillomas of $p53^{KI/KI}$ mice treated with DMBA/TPA for 15 weeks and, when indicated, 15 days of intraperitoneal treatment with 3mg/mouse/day of Tamoxifen. Quantification of these assays reveals no significant differences in both proliferation and apoptosis upon p53 restoration. n=7 mice per genotype.

C) Histological analyses of papillomas derived from $p53^{+/+}$ and $p53^{KI/KI}$ mice treated with DMBA/TPA for 15 weeks and 15 days of intraperitoneal treatment with 3mg/mouse/day of Tamoxifen. SA- β -gal staining (upper panel) does not reveal differences in senescence, TUNEL assay (middle panel) does not reveal differences in apoptosis; however, increased Keratin 10 expression (lower panel) is detected upon p53 restoration. Scale bar represents 100 μ m. 10X magnification.

D) p53 western blot analyses in $p53^{+/+}$ and $p53^{KI/KI}$ cells over-expressing *H-Ras-V12* before and after restoration of *p53* by using 4-OH-Tamoxifen for 48h.

E) RT-qPCR analyses of wild-type and $p53^{KI/KI}$ keratinocytes over-expressing *H*-*RasV12* 4 or 6 days after retroviral infection (Ras) or empty vector. All keratinocytes were treated with 1µM 4-OH Tamoxifen for 48 hours to restore p53 expression. *p53* restoration induces expression of genes involved in differentiation and growth arrest such as *TACE*, *Notch1*, *Hes1*, *Keratin 1*, *Keratin 10* and *p21*, but impaired expression of senescence-associated genes (*p16*, *p19*) compared to controls. *p < 0.05 is considered as significant.

Supplemental Figure 11

A) Immunohistochemistry of Notch1 showing and overview of the tumors and a delineated area enlarged in part B. Scale bar represents 200µm. 5X magnification.

B) Immunohistochemistry of c-Fos, TACE, Notch1, Keratin 1 and Loricrin, as well as Hematoxilin & Eosin staining in poorly-differentiated and well-differentiated human skin SCC showing different expression pattern and correlation of lack of c-Fos expression with reduced total Notch1 - likely due to activation, and increased membranous TACE, Keratin 1 and Loricrin expression. Representative images; see Supplemental Table 2 for complete analyses. Scale bar represents 50μ m. 20X magnification.

Supplemental Figure 12

A) H&E and TACE staining in the absence or presence of a TACE antibody blocking peptide in normal skin, which has been sun exposed. Enlarged image shows

membranous TACE staining (arroheads). Representative images. 10X and 20X magnifications. Scale bar represents $100\mu m$.

B) H&E and TACE actinic keratosis staining. Minimal atypia shows membranous TACE staining, pronounced atypia shows cytosolic TACE staining. Scale bar represents 100μm. 10X magnification.

Supplemental Figure 13

A) RT-qPCR analyses show c-Fos mRNA levels in a panel of SCC cell lines, which are increased in almost 10/11 cases compared to human primary keratinocytes. *p < 0.05 is considered as significant.

B) c-Fos activity assay shows c-Fos activity in the panel of SCC cell lines. c-Fos activity is increased in all SCC cell lines compared to human primary keratinocytes. *p < 0.05 is considered as significant.

C) RT-qPCR analyses show reduced *c-Fos* levels upon shRNA-mediated *c-Fos* knockdown in HEK and in the panel of SCC cell lines. *p < 0.05 is considered as significant.

D) FACS analysis of EdU proliferation assay performed after *c-Fos* shRNA-mediated knock-down in cells with P53+/+ (HEK) or SCC cell lines with P53 +/m alleles (dark/light grey bars) compared to SCC cell lines with mutant P53 m/m alleles (black/white bars). Results show that inhibition of *c-Fos* in cells with mutant P53 alleles has no effect on proliferation, as well as in human primary keratinocytes. However, impaired proliferation is observed in SCC cell lines that contain a functional P53 allele. *p < 0.05 is considered as significant. Experiment performed 2 times.

Supplemental Figure 14

A) FACS analysis of EdU proliferation assay performed after c-Fos inhibition (10μ M c-Fos inhibitor T-5224, 48h treatment) in cells with P53+/+ (HEK), a SCC cell line (SCCO12) with P53 +/m alleles (dark/light grey bars) compared to a SCC cell line (SCCO9) with mutant P53 m/m alleles (black/white bars). Results show that inhibition of c-Fos in cells with mutant P53 alleles has no effect on proliferation, as well as in human primary keratinocytes. However, impaired proliferation is observed in SCC cell lines that contain a functional P53 allele. *p < 0.05 is considered as significant. Experiment performed 2 times.

B) FACS analysis of EdU proliferation assay performed after c-Fos inhibition (10μ M c-Fos inhibitor T-5224, 48h treatment) in a SCC cell line (SCCO12) with mutant *P53 m/m* alleles (dark/light grey bars) where *P53* was knocked-down by using shRNA (black/white bars). Results show that *P53* knock-down impairs the observed proliferation arrest observed in SCC cell lines that contain a functional *P53* allele upon c-Fos inhibition. *p < 0.05 is considered as significant. Experiment performed 2 times.

Supplemental Figure 15

A) RT-qPCR analyses upon wild-type *P53* ectopic expression (light grey) in SCC cell lines with non-functional mutant *P53* (m/m) compared to control cells (black) shown increased expression of keratinocyte differentiation markers like *TACE*, *Notch1* and *Keratin 1*. *p < 0.05 is considered as significant. Experiment performed 2 times.

B) RT-qPCR analyses demonstrate induction of *Notch1*, *Keratin 1* and *Keratin 10* differentiation marker expression upon *TACE* over-expression (light grey) through transient transfection in SCC cell lines with non-functional *p53* alleles. *p < 0.05 is considered as significant. Experiment performed 2 times.

C) *TACE* over-expression, as quantified by Western blot against TACE, in the panel of SCC cell lines with non-functional *P53* alleles. Experiment performed 2 times.



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Notch1

Well-differentiated SCC



Notch1



Normal skin - sun exposed



H&E

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TACE

TACE + blocking peptide



TACE

Minimal atypia - membranous TACE
Pronounced atypia - cytosolic TACE

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Supplemental Table 1: Primary human SCCs: c-Fos and TACE expression

	_	Nuclear c-Fos						
Skin SCC subtype	Nº Samples	Undifferentiated cells	Differentiated cells	No expression				
Well-differentiated								
tumor	28	25 0		3				
Poorly-differentiated								
tumor	54	47	0	7				
	-	Membranous TACE						
Skin SCC subtype	Samples	Undifferentiated cells	Differentiated cells	No expression				
Well-differentiated								
tumor	28	2	24	2				
Poorly-differentiated								
tumor	54	47	0	7				

Results obtained from immunohistochemistry for c-Fos and TACE in well-differentiated and poorly-differentiated human SCCs.

Supplemental Table 2: Skin lesions: TACE expression and localization

		TACE localization		
Skin Lesion	Nº Samples	Membranous TACE	Cytoplasmic TACE	
Sun-exposed skin	29	26	3	
Actinic keratosis	7	6	1	

Results obtained from immunohistochemistry for TACE in normal sun-exposed skin and actinic keratosis lesions.

Supplemental Table 3: Origin of keratinocyte-derived SCC cell lines, P53 status/mutation and qPCR analyses upon c-Fos shRNA knock-down

			RNA expression levels				
	Tissue of						
Cell line	origin	P53 status	P53 mutation	P53	TACE	Notch1	Keratin1
НЕК	Foreskin	+/+	None	1.12	1.03	1.22	1.09
			Substitution -				
SCCO12	Larynx	+/m	c.1024C>T	4.25	3.88	4.36	5.3
			Substitution -				
SCCO13	Facial	+/m	c.772G>A	3.54	2.98	4.03	3.69
			Substitution -				
SCCO22	Hypopharynx	+/m	c.659A>G	5.35	4.78	4.84	5.06
SCCO28	Head & Neck	+/m	N. D.	2.41	2.5	2.11	2.31
			Substitution -				
Detroit 562	Pharynx	+/m	c.524G>A	3.68	4.76	4.03	4.24
			Substitution -				
A431	Vulva	m/m	c.818G>A	N.D.	1.34	1.25	1.16
	Base of		Substitution -				
SCCO4	tongue	m/m	c.451C>T	N.D.	1.12	1.32	1.08
	Anterior		Deletion -				
SCCO9	tongue	m/m	c.822_853del32	N.D.	1.38	1.18	1.31
			Substitution -				
SCCO11	Epiglotis	m/m	c.725G>C	N.D.	1.18	0.98	1.14
			Substitution -				
FaDu	Pharynx	m/m	c.743G>T	N.D.	0.98	0.99	1.21

Relative expression values from qPCR analyses of P53, TACE, Notch1 and Keratin 1 mRNA levels in SCC cell lines upon shRNA-mediated c-Fos knock-down. Relative expression to GAPDH. "+" corresponds to P53 wild-type allele, "m" corresponds to inactivating mutant P53 allele. N. D. indicates not determined. P53 mutation data from: www-p53.iarc.fr, p53.free.fr and www.sanger.ac.uk/genetics/CGP/CellLines (60).

Supplemental Methods

Mouse RT-qPCR primer sequences

ADAM10

Right primer sequence: ACGCTGGTGTTTTTGGTGTA Left primer sequence: AATTCTGCTCCTCTCGGG c-fos

Right primer sequence: CTGTCACCGTGGGGATAAAG Left primer sequence: CCTACTACCATTCCCCAGCC

CyclinD1

Right primer sequence: GGGTGGGTTGGAAATGAACT Left primer sequence: CTTCCTCTCCAAAATGCCAG Hes1

Right primer sequence: GTCACCTCGTTCATGCACTC Left primer sequence: TCTGGAAATGACTGTGAAGCA

Involucrin

Right primer sequence: ACTCCTGGTGCTGCTGTTTT Left primer sequence: GATATGGCAGGGGATCAGAA

Keratin 1

Right primer sequence: CTAAGTTTTGGGTCCGGGTT Left primer sequence: AGTTTGCCTCCTTCATCGAC

Keratin 10

Right primer sequence: ATCTGCCCCTTAAGGTCCTC Left primer sequence: CGAGCTGGAGGGTAAAATCA

Loricrin

Right primer sequence: GAGGTCTTTCCACAACCCAC Left primer sequence: TCCCTCACTCATCTTCCCTG

Notch1

Right primer sequence: TCTTACACGGTGTGCTGAGG Left primer sequence: GAATGGAGGTAGGTGCGAAG

p16

Right primer sequence: TCGAATCTGCACCGTAGTTG Left primer sequence: CGTGAACATGTTGTTGAGGC

p19

Right primer sequence: TAGTACCGGAGGCATCTTGG Left primer sequence: ATCCTGACGCCCTGAACC

p21

Right primer sequence: ACGGGACCGAAGAGACAAC Left primer sequence: CAGATCCACAGCGATATCCA

p53

Right primer sequence: AATGTCTCCTGGCTCAGAGG Left primer sequence: CTAGCATTCAGGCCCTCATC

Presenilin1

Right primer sequence: ATTGGCTCAGGGTTGTCAAG Left primer sequence: ACTTCCAGAATGCCCAGATG Presenilin2

Right primer sequence: TCCATCTCTGGGTCATAGGG Left primer sequence: AATGAGCCCATATTTCCTGC TACE

Right primer sequence: ACCAACCACATGACCACTGA Left primer sequence: TGACATCAAGTACCGAACGC TIMP-1

Right primer sequence: TGGGGAACCCATGAATTTAG Left primer sequence: ATCTGGCATCCTCTTGTTGC TIMP-3

Right primer sequence: GCTTCTTTCCCACCACTTTG Left primer sequence: GTGCTCCTGAGCTGTTGGA

Human RT-qPCR primer sequences

c-Fos

Right primer sequence: GTGACCGTGGGAATGAAGTT Left primer sequence: CCGGGGATAGCCTCTCTTAC **Keratin 1**

Right primer sequence: GTACCTGGTTCTGCTGCTCC Left primer sequence: TGACCCTGAGATCCAAAAGG

Keratin10

Right primer sequence: TGTCGATCTGAAGCAGGATG Left primer sequence: GAAAAGCATGGCAACTCACA **Notch1**

Right primer sequence: GTTCTTGCAGGGGGTGC Left primer sequence: GGTGAGACCTGCCTGAATG

P21

Right primer sequence: CATGGGTTCTGACGGACATC Left primer sequence: TGCCGAAGTCAGTTCCTTGT **P53**

Right primer sequence: TGTTTCCTGACTCAGAGGGG Left primer sequence: GAGCGTGCTTTCCACGAC

TACE

Right primer sequence: GTCTGAGAGCAAAGAATCAAGC Left primer sequence: TCTCCTATTCCTGACCAGCG