

SUPPLEMENTARY DATA

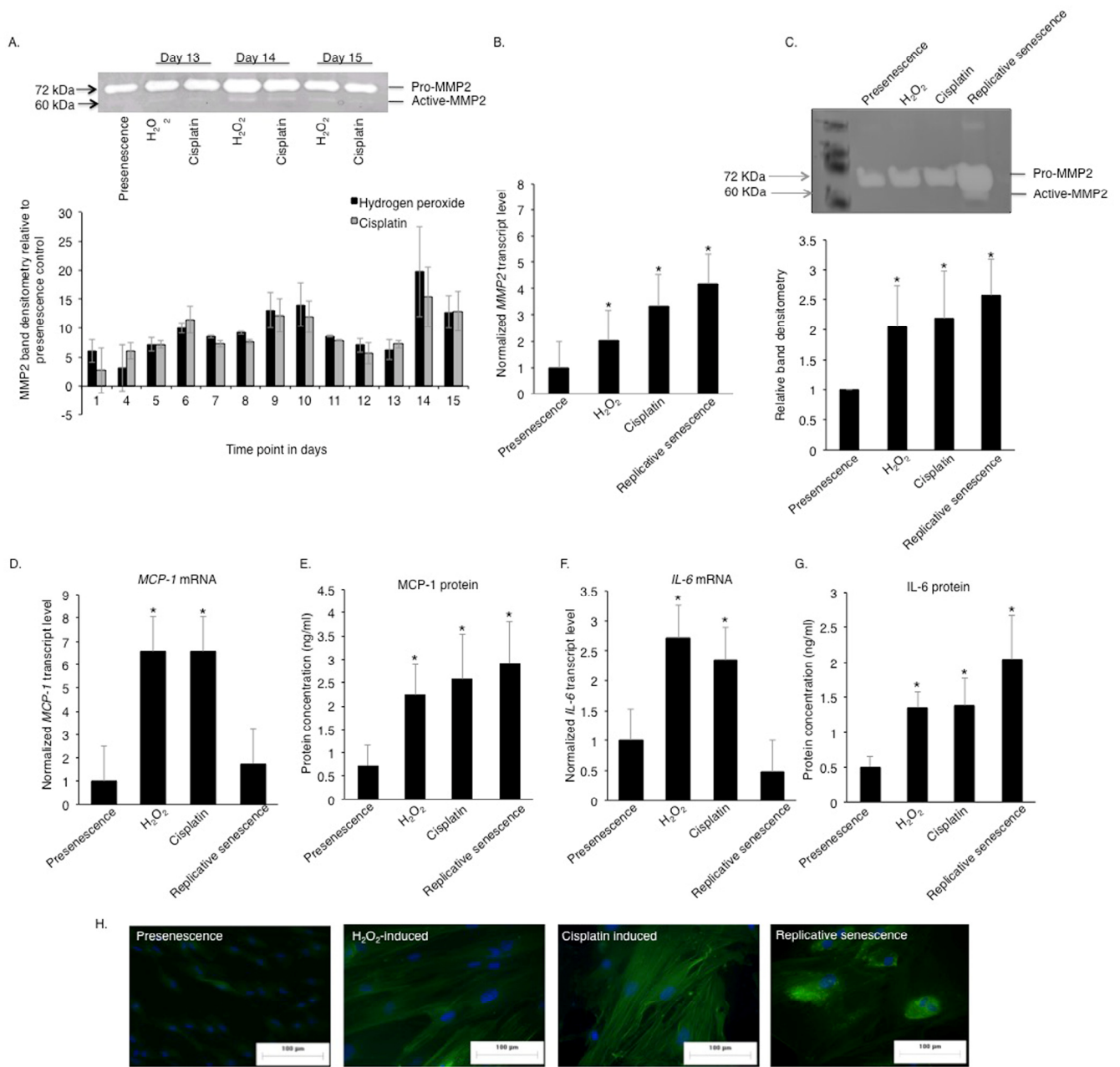


Figure S1. Validation of the pro-tumourigenic SASP of senescent oral fibroblasts. Gelatin zymography using conditioned media of oral fibroblasts post-induction of senescence demonstrated a gradual increase in the amounts of MMP-2 in senescent fibroblasts during acquisition of senescence and establishment of SASP (A). The conditioned media were normalized to 5×10^5 cells/ml. In addition, qRT-PCR (B) and gelatin zymography (C) in fibroblasts induced to senesce using different stimuli corroborated with initial findings and further showed senescent oral fibroblasts synthesized and secreted more active MMP-2 than presenescent proliferating controls (n=3). Prematurely senescent oral fibroblasts also expressed and secreted more MCP-1 (D-E) and IL-6 (F-G) than proliferating controls, confirmed by qRT-PCR and ELISA. Despite of having lower MCP-1 and IL-6 mRNA levels, the replicative senescent fibroblasts secreted more of these proteins than proliferating control after normalizing the secreted protein to cell number (n=3) (D-G). Direct immunofluorescent cytochemistry showed senescent oral fibroblasts reorganizes and expressed more α -SMA positive actin filaments (n=3) (H). All experiments were performed independently as indicated by n and with technical repeats. The data represents mean \pm STDEV (A,B,D,F) or mean \pm SEM (C,E,G) of three independent experiments in triplicate. *p<0.05, by one-way ANOVA with post-hoc corrections by Dunn's method (B-G).

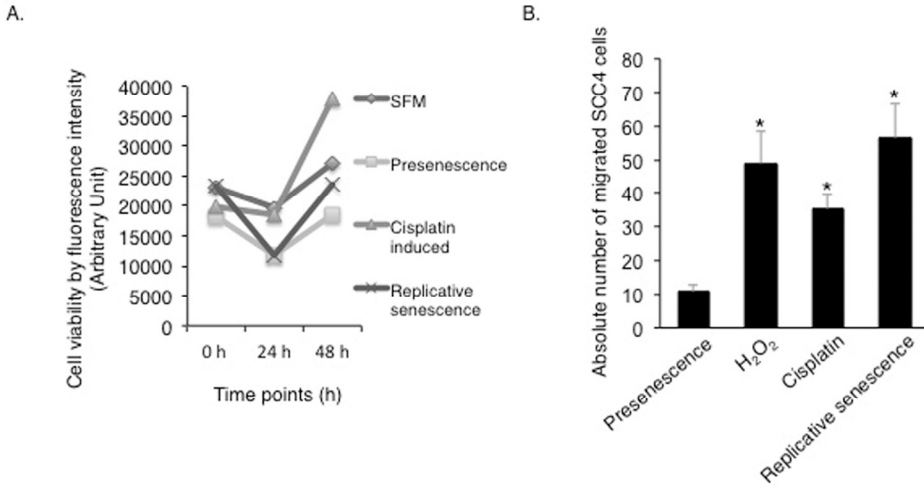


Figure S2. The SASP mediated paracrine cross-talk between senescent oral fibroblasts and cancer cells does not demonstrate cell line specificity. Soluble factors secreted into conditioned media of senescent fibroblasts stimulated proliferation (A) and migration (B) of another oral squamous cell carcinoma derived cell line SCC4 *in vitro* (n=3). All experiments were performed independently as indicated by n and with technical repeats. The data represents mean ± SEM of three independent experiments in triplicate. *p<0.05, for proliferation assay the data were analyzed by two-way repetitive measure ANOVA with post-hoc corrections by Holm-Sidak method (A) and for migration assay the data were analyzed by one-way ANOVA with post-hoc corrections by Dunn's method (B).

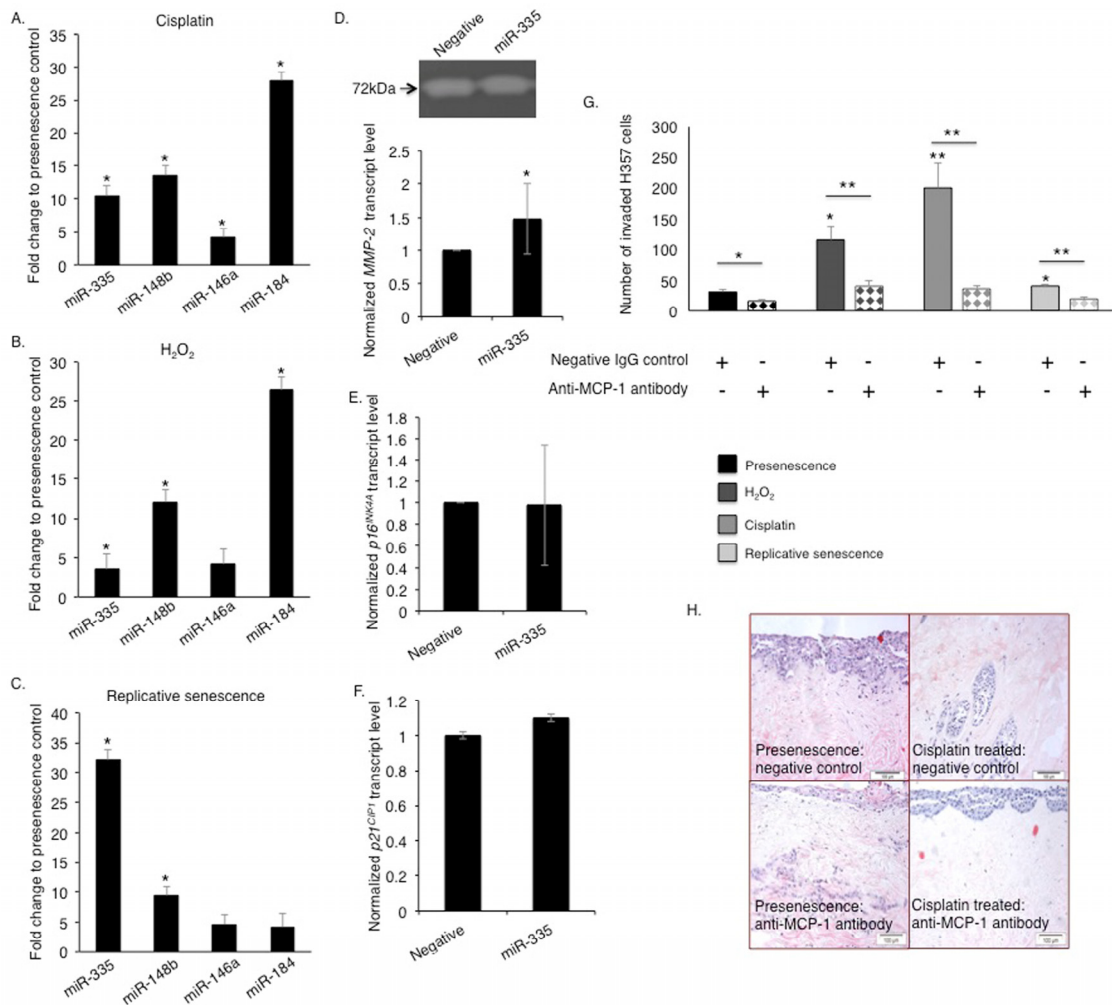
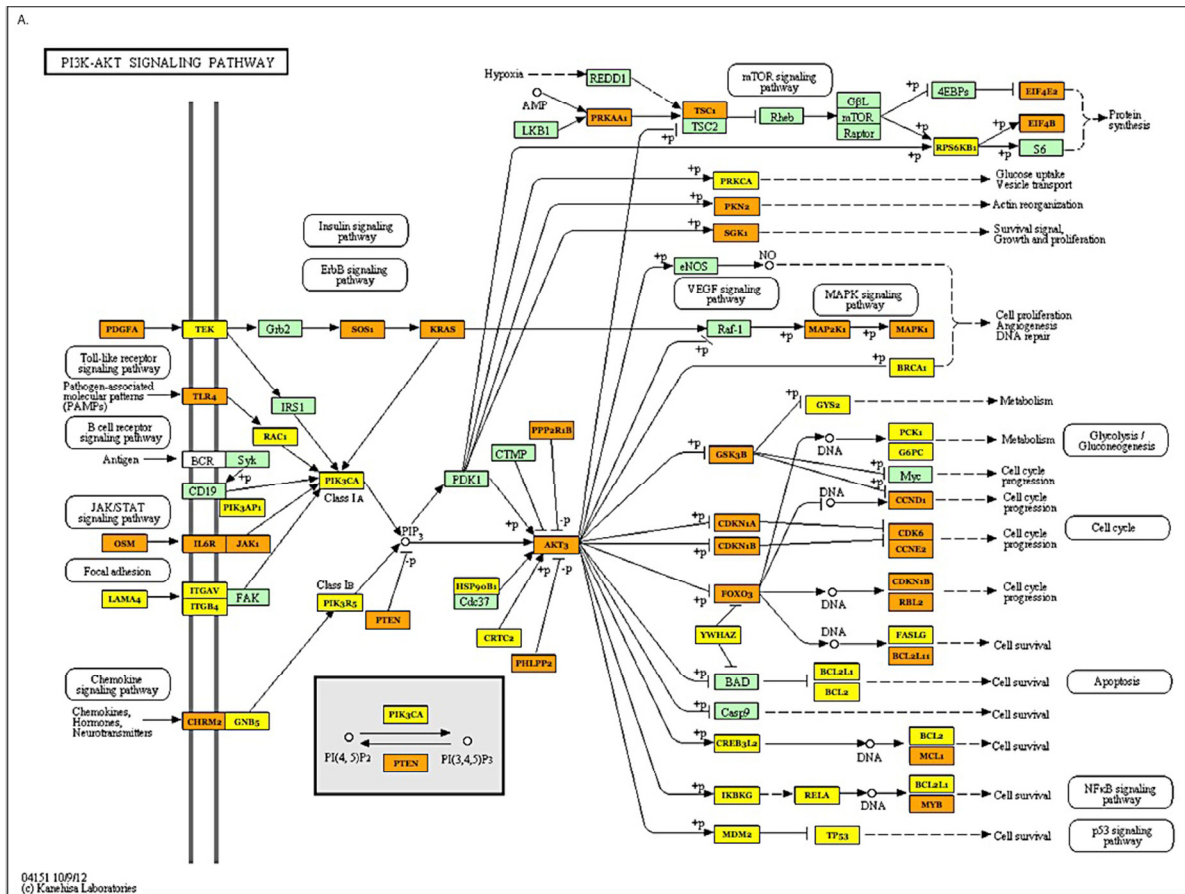


Figure S3. The pro-tumorigenic SASP of senescent fibroblasts is associated with differential expression of miRNAs. qRT-PCR was used to validate expression levels of miR-335, miR-148b, miR-146a and miR-184 in cisplatin induced senescent fibroblasts (A), H₂O₂ induced senescent fibroblasts (B) and replicative senescent oral fibroblasts (C) compared to proliferating control (n=3). miR-335 transfected oral fibroblasts expressed more MMP-2 (D). Examinations for markers of cell cycle arrest showed miR-335 transfected oral fibroblasts (n=3) did not display any alterations in levels of p16^{INK4a} (E) and p21^{CIP1} (F). Blockade of secreted MCP-1 in conditioned media of senescent oral fibroblasts significantly impeded invasion of H357 cells *in vitro* (n=3) (G). All experiments were performed independently as indicated by n and with technical repeats. The data represents mean ± STDEV (A-D) or mean ± SEM of three independent experiments in triplicate. *p<0.05, by one-way ANOVA with post-hoc corrections by Holm-Sidak method (A-C), paired student's t-test (D-G).



List of microRNAs interacting in PI3K-Akt signaling pathway (hsa04151)

miRNA	#Genes
hsa-miR-335	1
hsa-miR-34c-59	8
hsa-miR-146a-5p	3
hsa-miR-625-5p	13
hsa-miR-137	22
hsa-miR-301b	11
hsa-miR-519a-3p	21
hsa-miR-222-3p	6
hsa-miR-512-3p	7
hsa-miR-508-3p	1
hsa-miR-34a-5p	17
hsa-miR-409-5p	2
hsa-miR-219-1-3p	3
hsa-miR-7d-5p	11
hsa-miR-597	12
hsa-miR-548d-3p	52
hsa-miR-616-3p	5
hsa-miR-216b	18
hsa-miR-28-5p	1
hsa-miR-885-5p	4
hsa-miR-199b-5p	4
hsa-miR-185-5p	13
hsa-miR-504	4
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hsa-miR-489	1
hsa-miR-127-5p	3
hsa-miR-217	13

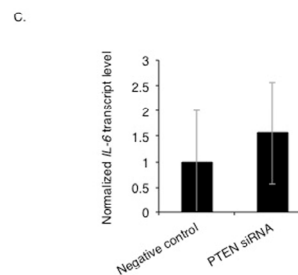


Figure S4. miRNA pathway analysis showing the gene targets of miRNAs interacting with PI3 Kinase/Akt pathway in senescent fibroblasts and the effect of transient knockdown of PTEN on IL-6 expression in oral fibroblasts. DIANA miR-Path analysis tool was used to predict and identify the gene targets of differentially expressed miRNAs affecting the PI3 kinase/Akt pathway in senescent fibroblasts wherein yellow highlights indicate genes targeted by one miRNA, orange indicates genes targeted by two miRNAs and red indicates genes targeted by three or more miRNAs (A-B). qRT-PCR analysis of cDNA synthesized from fibroblasts having transient knockdown of PTEN demonstrated no significant difference in IL-6 mRNA levels in comparison to control fibroblasts transfected with non-targeting siRNA, n=3 (C). All experiments were performed independently as indicated by n and with technical repeats.

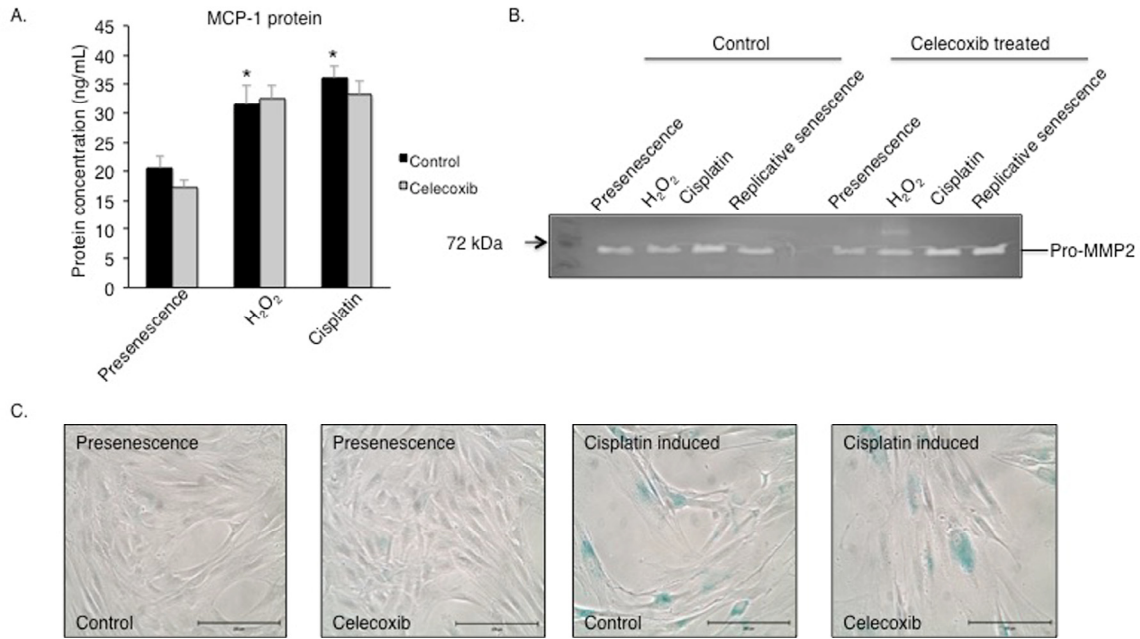


Figure S5. MCP-1 and MMP-2 secretion by senescent fibroblasts are independent of COX-2 activation. Selective inhibition of COX-2 activity with celecoxib (1 μ M) in senescent fibroblasts failed to reduce secretion of MCP-1 (A) and MMP-2 (B) into the conditioned media (n=3). Celecoxib did not stimulate senescence in proliferating control fibroblasts and had no effect on the established senescent phenotype of cisplatin induced senescent fibroblast as determined by SA- β -gal activity (n=3) (C). All experiments were performed independently as indicated by n and with technical repeats. The data represents mean \pm STDEV (A-B), *p<0.05, by paired student's t-test (A).

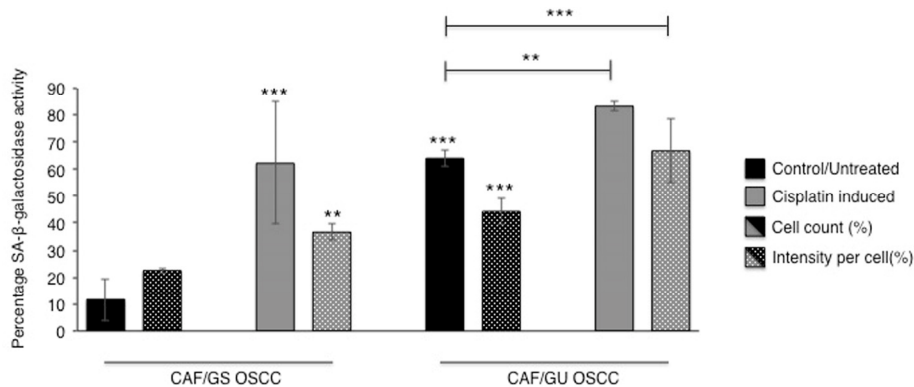


Figure S6. Cisplatin induces senescence in non-senescent CAF/GS-OSCC and amplifies the senescent phenotype of senescent CAF/GU-OSCC. SA- β -gal activity was assessed in CAF treated with cisplatin and untreated control. The number of SA- β -gal positive cells (blue) was counted and the intensity of blue colour per cell was also measured using Image J software (version 1.49) to determine senescence reinforcement. Paired student's t-test was used to determine statistical significance. *p<0.05 was considered statistically significant.

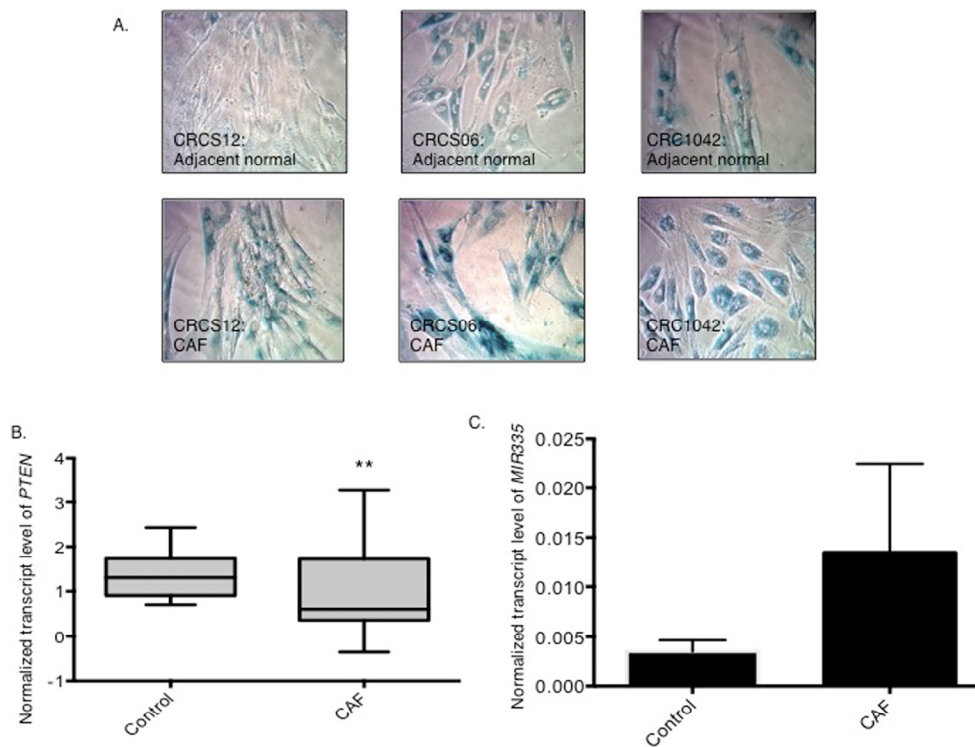


Figure S7. The senescent CAF of CRC expresses less PTEN and more miR-335. SA- β -galactosidase positive CAF was observed in CRC patients (n=15), a small population of control fibroblasts from the adjacent normal mucosa also demonstrated some positivity (A). qRT-PCR using cDNA synthesized from RNA isolated from CAF of colorectal cancer patients (n=15) showed a reduction in PTEN mRNA levels (B) and a trend towards increasing miR-335 transcripts levels (p=0.556). (C) The data represents mean \pm STDEV of 15 patients in triplicate. *p<0.05 by paired student's t-test.

Table S1. Differentially expressed miRNAs in cisplatin induced senescent fibroblasts compared to presenescent proliferating control.

miRNA ID	Fold change	P-value	Significance (No correction)	Significance (FDR=30%)	Holm-Sidak method correction
hsa-miR-223	705.1190	0.3724			
hsa-miR-939	327.6360	0.3726			
hsa-miR-1243	251.7600	0.3541			
hsa-miR-663B	147.8170	0.3512			
hsa-miR-590-3P	120.9350	0.3762			
hsa-miR-452#	109.6670	0.3729			
hsa-miR-184	54.1033	0.2097			
hsa-miR-1204	50.8617	0.3680			
hsa-miR-888	37.2999	0.1824			
hsa-miR-875-5p	33.0642	0.3868			
hsa-miR-1288	30.9889	0.2175			
hsa-miR-363#	26.9167	0.3697			
hsa-miR-512-3p	24.8025	0.0796		**	
hsa-miR-1302	21.4167	0.3686			
hsa-miR-517a	15.3168	0.0011	***	***	***
hsa-miR-645	14.8657	0.4024			
hsa-miR-361-3p	14.0477	0.1279			
hsa-miR-606	13.6667	0.3654			
hsa-miR-662	13.5833	0.3739			
hsa-miR-922	13.0833	0.3739			
hsa-miR-520h	12.1015	0.3824			
hsa-miR-148b	11.8641	0.3202			
hsa-miR-943	11.8363	0.3397			
hsa-miR-133a	11.8127	0.3559			
hsa-miR-519b-3p	11.4114	0.2994			
hsa-miR-885-5p	11.2683	0.0798			
hsa-miR-1292	11.0930	0.3842			
hsa-miR-517c	10.5354	0.0111	*	***	
hsa-miR-944	10.2789	0.3838			
hsa-miR-1238	10.0833	0.3739			
hsa-miR-586	9.7105	0.4175			
hsa-miR-124#	9.6545	0.3614			
hsa-miR-200a	9.3425	0.3882			
hsa-miR-1296	9.1140	0.3598			
hsa-miR-638	8.8922	0.3959			
hsa-miR-141#	8.2500	0.3589			
hsa-miR-29b-2#	8.2254	0.4046			
hsa-miR-519a	8.2154	0.0364	*	**	
hsa-miR-1228#	8.2001	0.4093			
hsa-miR-1206	8.0938	0.3854			

hsa-miR-1291	8.0446	0.3512			
hsa-miR-23a	7.8395	0.3994			
hsa-miR-206	7.6997	0.0993			
hsa-miR-891a	7.5516	0.2486			
hsa-miR-216b	6.7836	0.0636			
hsa-miR-202#	5.9830	0.4358			
hsa-miR-205	5.9156	0.1843			
hsa-miR-1262	5.8348	0.1545			
hsa-miR-548J	5.6334	0.4514			
hsa-miR-508-3p	5.4649	0.0682		**	
hsa-miR-608	5.3745	0.1733			
hsa-miR-892b	5.2233	0.2832			
hsa-miR-186#	4.7706	0.4258			
hsa-miR-489	4.4804	0.1189			
hsa-miR-503	4.4286	0.3429			
hsa-miR-520b	4.3208	0.3626			
hsa-miR-1208	4.2500	0.3401			
hsa-miR-363	4.1806	0.2905			
hsa-miR-1283	4.0391	0.4318			
hsa-miR-375	4.0066	0.3304			
hsa-miR-432#	3.9618	0.4897			
hsa-miR-337-3p	3.8538	0.4805			
hsa-miR-485-5p	3.8510	0.2738			
hsa-miR-1252	3.8056	0.3989			
hsa-miR-708#	3.6667	0.3325			
hsa-miR-668	3.6375	0.5055			
hsa-miR-664	3.5373	0.2048			
hsa-miR-380	3.5164	0.4186			
hsa-miR-449a	3.4240	0.2277			
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hsa-miR-522	3.2896	0.2398			
hsa-miR-302c	3.2708	0.3264			
hsa-miR-1245	3.2424	0.5132			
hsa-miR-377#	3.2379	0.3263			
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hsa-miR-149#	3.1627	0.3412			
hsa-miR-92b#	3.0329	0.1659			
hsa-miR-1305	3.0206	0.5348			
hsa-miR-335	2.9835	0.0032	**	***	
hsa-miR-125b-2#	2.8790	0.3429			
hsa-miR-544	2.8605	0.1739			
hsa-miR-146a	2.8174	0.0031	**	***	
hsa-let-7c#	2.7549	0.2381			

hsa-miR-1269	2.7533	0.4819			
hsa-miR-33a	2.7118	0.4417			
hsa-miR-549	2.7037	0.4294			
hsa-miR-1290	2.7032	0.1722			
hsa-miR-938	2.6943	0.0355	*		
hsa-miR-620	2.6696	0.0443	*		
hsa-miR-302a#	2.6580	0.4943			
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hsa-miR-137	2.6076	0.0119	*	**	
hsa-miR-34a#	2.5690	0.0124	*	**	
hsa-miR-1276	2.5607	0.5386			
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hsa-miR-105#	2.4969	0.3282			
hsa-miR-181c#	2.4916	0.4524			
hsa-miR-30a-5p	2.4895	0.3112			
hsa-miR-541	2.4474	0.2580			
hsa-miR-34a	2.4435	0.0288	*	**	
hsa-miR-24-1#	2.4386	0.4998			
hsa-miR-372	2.4304	0.2921			
hsa-miR-378	2.4265	0.1108			
hsa-miR-148a	2.3945	0.2100			
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hsa-miR-500	2.3729	0.5121			
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hsa-miR-148a#	2.1783	0.3760			
hsa-miR-486-5p	2.1572	0.3145			
hsa-miR-1274A	2.1451	0.0302	*	**	
hsa-miR-1179	2.1444	0.0713			
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hsa-miR-577	2.1074	0.3560			
hsa-miR-941	2.1024	0.5186			
hsa-miR-1270	0.4994	0.0679			
hsa-miR-25#	0.4978	0.1165			
hsa-miR-30d#	0.4891	0.0194	*		

hsa-let-7a#	0.4817	0.0139	*		
hsa-miR-661	0.4805	0.0458	*		
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hsa-miR-10a	0.4088	0.0368	*		
hsa-miR-182	0.3945	0.0364	*		
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hsa-miR-603	0.3878	0.1188			
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hsa-miR-548K	0.3618	0.1168			
hsa-miR-634	0.3508	0.1162			
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hsa-miR-597	0.2913	0.0033	**		
hsa-miR-1183	0.2834	0.0042	**		
hsa-miR-101#	0.2700	0.0000	***	***	
hsa-miR-144#	0.2635	0.0000	***	**	
hsa-miR-580	0.2552	0.0413	*		
hsa-miR-1289	0.2510	0.0361			
hsa-miR-600	0.2414	0.0062	**		
hsa-miR-483-3p	0.2311	0.0024	**		
hsa-miR-643	0.2264	0.0005	***	**	
hsa-miR-548d-3p	0.1953	0.0014	**		
hsa-miR-566	0.1685	0.0000	***	**	
hsa-miR-135b#	0.1651	0.0005	***		
hsa-miR-644	0.1324	0.0010	***		
hsa-miR-1278	0.0956	0.0000	***	**	
hsa-miR-23a#	0.0791	0.0003	***		
hsa-miR-1285	0.0759	0.0001	***		

miRNA that were either up-regulated or down-regulated by 2-fold in cisplatin induced senescent fibroblasts. The data represents fold change calculated from $\Delta\Delta C_t$ values normalized to U6 endogenous control and proliferating control. * $p < 0.05$, by multiple paired t-test with and without Holm-Sidak corrections and using false discovery rate (FDR) set to 0.3.

Table S2. Top 50 miRNA interacting pathways in senescent oral fibroblasts. The DIANA-miRPath tool was used to predict the genes and putative pathways that may be deregulated in senescent oral fibroblasts.

KEGG pathway	p-value	#genes	#miRNAs
PI3K-Akt signaling pathway	1.24E-35	158	28
Pathways in cancer	1.93E-36	165	28
Focal adhesion	9.74E-33	100	28
Neurotrophin signaling pathway	3.88E-28	70	28
HTLV-I infection	4.87E-16	117	28
Chemokine signaling pathway	2.28E-07	77	28
Tight junction	1.54E-05	59	28
MAPK signaling pathway	6.28E-36	127	27
Melanogenesis	1.36E-06	45	27
Transcriptional misregulation in cancer	3.66E-06	80	27
Viral carcinogenesis	0.002974748	80	27
Protein processing in endoplasmic reticulum	0.007563723	67	27
Wnt signaling pathway	1.92E-28	81	26
Hepatitis B	9.59E-27	76	26
Ubiquitin mediated proteolysis	5.83E-20	68	26
Axon guidance	8.59E-20	69	26
Renal cell carcinoma	1.31E-19	42	26
Dopaminergic synapse	2.01E-16	64	26
Endometrial cancer	2.83E-13	31	26
Glutamatergic synapse	2.06E-05	53	26
Epstein-Barr virus infection	0.000155449	82	26
Tuberculosis	0.01557663	66	26
Herpes simplex infection	0.04133367	70	26
Prostate cancer	5.54E-23	57	25
Colorectal cancer	1.13E-17	41	25
Gap junction	1.10E-14	45	25
Regulation of actin cytoskeleton	4.70E-10	93	25
Retrograde endocannabinoid signaling	3.30E-09	53	25
T cell receptor signaling pathway	1.24E-07	48	25
Influenza A	4.03E-05	69	25
RNA transport	0.000593956	61	25
Oocyte meiosis	0.000955549	51	25
ErbB signaling pathway	1.09E-23	55	24
Insulin signaling pathway	1.39E-23	68	24
Glioma	4.22E-16	41	24
HIF-1 signaling pathway	6.83E-15	54	24
Long-term potentiation	1.92E-14	36	24
GnRH signaling pathway	4.03E-13	44	24
mRNA surveillance pathway	1.24E-10	43	24
Measles	4.36E-09	64	24
Amoebiasis	4.52E-09	47	24
B cell receptor signaling pathway	6.88E-09	36	24
Cholinergic synapse	9.83E-07	52	24
Serotonergic synapse	0.00618267	44	24
Endocytosis	8.30E-32	102	23
Pancreatic cancer	1.69E-20	46	23
Melanoma	5.81E-16	38	23
mTOR signaling pathway	1.15E-13	34	23
Osteoclast differentiation	5.88E-12	60	23
Basal cell carcinoma	3.74E-09	27	23

Table S3. Seed sequences of differentially expressed miRNA in senescent oral fibroblasts predicted to target the PTEN 3'UTR. The seed sequences were obtained by *in silico* analysis using targetscan.org, version 6.2.

miRNA	Region and seed sequence	
miR-137	4005-4011	5' UGCAAUAAU 3'
	miR-137	3' UCGUUAUU 5'
miR-148b	2254-2260	5' UUUUGCACUGU 3'
	miR-148b	3' ACUACGUGACU 5'
	3151-3158	5' UAUGCACUGA 3'
	miR-148b	3' CUACGUGACU 5'
miR-29b	676-683	5' UUGGUGCUA 3'
	miR-29b-3p	3' UACCACGAU 5'
	1741-1747	5' UUGGUGCUG 3'
	miR-29b-3p	3' UACCACGAU 5'
miR-200a	1467-1473	5' GCAGUGUUG 3'
	miR-200a-3p	3' -GUCACAAU 5'
	3257-3263	5' UAGUGUUAU 3'
	miR-200a-3p	3' GUCACAAU 5'
	4252-4258	5' CCAGUGUUU 3'
	miR-200a-3p	3' UGUCACAAU 5'
miR-519a	413-419	5' UUGCACUUG 3'
	miR-519a-3p	3' UACGUGAAA 5'
	1148-1155	5' AUGCACUUA 3'
	miR-519a-3p	3' UACGUGAAA 5'