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Representative images from an immunohistochemical analysis of Six3 (upper panels) and β-catenin (lower panels) in virgin mammary glands from 12-week-old wild-type and MTA1/MTA1s –/– mice. Genetic depletion of MTA1/MTA1s leads to increased expression of Six3, a corepressor of Wnt1 transcription, and consequently, to downregulation of β-catenin in mammary glands. For details, see the article by Kumar and colleagues on page 6649 of this issue.