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Precis: An isoform of the RNA binding protein Lin28 which mediates pluripotent stem cell programming is implicated in this study to promote colon tumor pathogenesis, especially metastasis.

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ABOUT THE COVER

Metabolic bioluminescence imaging. Induced metabolic bioluminescence imaging allows for quantification and structure-associated assessment of metabolites from cryopreserved samples. This technique was used to measure ATP and glucose concentrations in sequential cryosections from human ovarian tumor cells (IGROV-1) xenografted in nude mice. Hematoxylin & eosin stainings as well as ATP levels were used to discriminate between regions of vital and nonvital tumor and adjacent normal tissue, such as stroma. Color-coded concentrations (µmol/g) of both metabolites revealed a reduction in ATP and glucose levels in tumors treated with the anti-VEGF mAb A4.6.1. For details, see the article by Nardo and colleagues on page 4214 of this issue.