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Targeting Quiescent Tumor Cells via Oxygen and IGF-I Supplementation
Alastair H. Kyle, Jennifer H.E. Baker, and Andrew I. Minchinton

Précis: Traditional cytotoxic chemotherapies work best against cycling cells, but against the majority of noncycling cells in tumors, strategies to augment their much weaker effects might greatly increase patient responses and survival.

SMYD3 Promotes Cancer Invasion by Epigenetic Upregulation of the Metalloproteinase MMP-9
Alicia M. Cock-Rada, Souhila Medjkane, Natacha Janski, Nadhir Youshi, Martine Perichon, Marie Chaussepied, Johanna Chluba, Gordon Langley, and Jonathan B. Weitzman

Précis: Results identify the SMYD3 histone methyltransferase as an important new regulator of MMP9, an extracellular matrix protease that is a key regulator of metastatic cancer progression.

ABOUT THE COVER

Human hS100A7/psoriasin has been shown to be highly expressed in invasive breast tumors and is associated with increased inflammatory cell infiltrates. Using a novel transgenic mouse model, we have shown that overexpression of mS100a7a15, the murine homolog of hS100A7/psoriasin, enhances breast tumor growth by activating proinflammatory and metastatic pathways through recruitment of tumor-associated macrophages. The figure demonstrates ductal hyperplasia in mammary epithelial cells in mS100a7a15 overexpressing mice, as detected by hematoxylin and eosin staining. For details, see the article by Nasser and colleagues on page 604 of this issue.