# From invasion to metastasis



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q\_JDp-VePAs

# INFILTRATION/INVASION

#### Cell junction relaxing



Adesion to ECM proteins



#### Matrix proteolysis



#### Neoplastic cell detachment and migration





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### EMT at tumor invasive side



### Cadherin switch and invasivity



Table 14.2 Cellular changes associated with an epithelialmesenchymal transition

#### Loss of

Cytokeratin (intermediate filament) expression

Tight junctions and epithelial adherens junctions involving E-cadherin

Epithelial cell polarity

Epithelial gene expression program

#### Acquisition of

Fibroblast-like shape

Motility

Invasiveness

Increased resistance to apoptosis

Mesenchymal gene expression program including EMT-inducing transcription factors

Mesenchymal adherens junction protein (N-cadherin)

Protease secretion (MMP-2, MMP-9)

Vimentin (intermediate filament) expression

**Fibronectin secretion** 

**PDGF** receptor expression

 $\alpha_{v}\beta_{6}$  integrin expression

Stem cell-like traits



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(A)



monolayer culture (2D)



(B)

collagen gel (3D)



### Table 14.3 Transcription factors orchestrating an EMT

| Name                        | Where first identified  | Type of transcription factor         | Cancer association  |
|-----------------------------|---|--------------------------------------|---|
| Snail (SNAI1)               | mesoderm induction in<br>Drosophila; neural crest<br>migration in vertebrates | C2H2-type zinc finger                | invasive ductal carcinoma                                 |
| Slug (SNAI2)                | delamination of the neural crest<br>and early mesoderm in chicken             | C2H2-type zinc finger                | breast cancer cell lines, melanoma                        |
| Twist                       | mesoderm induction in<br>Drosophila; emigration from<br>neural crest          | bHLH                                 | various carcinomas, high-grade<br>melanoma, neuroblastoma |
| Goosecoid                   | gastrulation in frog  | paired homeodomain                   | various carcinomas  |
| FOXC2                       | mesenchyme formation  | winged helix/forkhead                | basal-like breast cancer                                  |
| ZEB1 (δEF1)                 | postgastrulation mesodermal tissue formation                                  | 2-handed zinc finger/<br>homeodomain | wide variety of cancers                                   |
| ZEB2 (SIP1)                 | neurogenesis  | 2-handed zinc finger/<br>homeodomain | ovarian, breast, liver carcinomas                         |
| E12/E47 (Tcf3) <sup>a</sup> | associated with E-cadherin promoter   | bHLH                                 | gastric cancer  |

<sup>a</sup>It remains unclear whether E12/E47 can function on its own to induce an EMT, or whether this bHLH functions as a subunit of a heterodimeric TF complex formed with other well-validated EMT-TF proteins such as Twist.

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# normal mammary gland

+ ectopic MMP-3

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Stephen Paget (1855-1926)

## The 'seed and soil' hypothesis

disseminated cancers form metastasis in distant tissue that offer an environment permissive for survival and proliferation

however, contralateral metastasis are relatively rare



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### **EMT reversibility**



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Figure 14.18a The Biology of Cancer (© Garland Science 2014)



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blu line: resident tumor cells; red line: mesenchymal tumor cells



### **Invasion patterns**



- (C)
- A. Breast cancer
- B. Uterine cervical tumor (with inflammatory infiltrate, arrows)
- C. MCF7 cells and fibroblasts in tridimensional matrix

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(A)







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## CT + PET total body Metastatic lymphoma

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### Table 14.4 Candidate metastasis suppressor genes

| Name                   | Cellular location            | Mechanism of action                         |
|------------------------|------------------------------|---|
| BRMS1                  | nuclear protein              | involved in chromatin remodeling            |
| CRSP3                  | nuclear protein              | transcription factor                        |
| KAI1/CD82              | transmembrane protein        | cell-cell associations                      |
| KISS1                  | secreted protein             | ligand of G-protein–coupled receptor        |
| NM23                   | cytoplasmic kinase           | regulator of MAPK cascade (?)               |
| p63                    | nuclear transcription factor | multiple targets                            |
| RhoGDI-2               | cytoplasmic protein          | negative regulator of Rho action            |
| SseCKs                 | cytoplasm                    | cytoskeleton-associated protein             |
| VDUP1                  | cytoplasm                    | regulator of MAPK cascade (?)               |
| CDH1<br>(= E-cadherin) | cell surface adhesion        | favors formation of epithelial cell sheets  |
| TIMPs                  | secreted protein             | inhibitor of metalloproteinases             |
| МКК4                   | cytoplasm                    | protein kinase component of<br>MAPK cascade |
| DICER                  | cytoplasm                    | miRNA processing                            |

Adapted in part from P.S. Steeg, Nat. Rev. Cancer 3:55-63, 2003.



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Extended Data Figure 9 | Cartoon depicting the mechanism of early dissemination by Her2+ early lesion cells.

a, Early Her2+ early lesion cancer cells (red) turn on Wnt, PI3K and AKT signalling. inhibit p38 activation and E-cadherin-junction formation allowing for a Twist1hi EMT-like invasive program; p38 and E-cadherin inhibit the Wntand ß -catenin-driven EMT-like and invasion (arev program inhibitory symbols). b, Her2+pp38IoTwist1hiE-cadlo early lesion cancer cells, which retain CK8/18 expression can intravasate and disseminate. c, In lungs more than 85% of eDCCs (red) were Her2+E-cadlo(p-Rb or p-H3)lo, suggesting a large population of dormant cells. Most eDCCs are also Twist1hiE-cadlo. Nevertheless, eDCCs can initiate metastasis, which correlated with the acquisition of a Twist1loEcadmed-hi phenotype. In the eDCCs were bone marrow, Her2+CK8/18+ and remain dormant for the duration of the experiments, as bone lesions were never observed.

