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# Gene Expression Profiling of Mouse Teratocarcinomas Uncovers Epigenetic Changes Associated with the Transformation of Mouse Embryonic Stem Cells

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# Abstract

The molecular mechanisms of the development of teratocarcinomas from stem cells are largely unknown. To determine which genes are associated with the transformation of these cells, we have performed oligonucleotide microarray analysis, using Affymetrix U74A GeneChips, on both cell cultures and tumors in nude mice. We identified 68 genes that significantly differed in expression between the ES cell culture and the teratocarcinoma cell line, SCC-PSA1, and 51 genes with statistically different expression patterns between the ES cell tumors and the teratocarcinomas (P < .00005). We found that there were 20 genes that had common expression patterns in both groups. We also examined the role of the transition from in vitro to in vivo by comparing ES cell culture to ES cell tumor, and teratocarcinoma cell line to teratocarcinomas. We identified 22 genes that were upregulated in the ES cell tumors and 42 that had a decreased expression in the tumor (P < .0001). In comparing SCC-PSA1 to its tumor, we identified 34 upregulated genes and 25 downregulated genes (P < .001). There were only 10 genes in common from these two lists. GenMapp search revealed that several pathways, especially the cell cycle pathway, are actively involved in the induction of teratocarcinomas. Our results indicate that many key development genes may play a key role in the transformation of ES cells into teratocarcinoma cells. Neoplasia (2004) 6, 490-502

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#### Introduction

Cancer is a complicated and heterogeneous disease, taking many forms and affecting many tissues. Dysregulation of the cell cycle is a common factor among all types of cancer. The ability to activate alternative pathways to regain cell cycle control, or stimulate apoptosis after some form of cellular damage, would be a valuable way to fight cancer. Developmental genes are strict regulators of cell cycle and apoptosis; therefore, the genetic components of embryonic development are potential sources of cancer phenotype rescue. They are responsible for the migration and differentiation of all of the body's cell types, as well as for the maintenance of appropriate cell mass (i.e., apoptosis). These genes have the potential to override the signals sent by the cancer cells' abnormal gene expression and are therefore excellent candidates for gene-based therapies.

In order to study developmental gene regulation in the context of carcinogenesis, we have undertaken the physical and molecular characterization of teratocarcinomas. Teratocarcinomas are embryonic cancers that are most often found in the sex organs of human adults, but they have been seen in various locations throughout the body in patients. In adult humans, spontaneous teratocarcinomas originate primarily from germ cells, but teratocarcinomas can also form from dysregulated stem cells, which are most frequently seen in prenatal or newborn tumors. Characteristic morphology of teratocarcinoma tumors includes diploid embryonic stem cells mingled with immature tissues and highly specific, differentiated tissue (e.g., muscle, bone, teeth, etc.) [1].

The objective of this study was to determine the possible mechanisms that dictate the tumorigenic properties of teratocarcinomas by comparing them to their embryonic stem cell progenitors. By using oligonucleotide array analysis, we can observe the repercussions of carcinogenic transformation by examining gene expression changes between the teratocarcinoma and the embryonic stem cell control. We examined cultures of these two cell types, as well as tumors in nude mice, in order to elucidate the mechanisms of tumorigenic properties of teratocarcinomas. The results from this study have the potential to shed new light on mechanisms of carcinogenesis.

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# **Materials and Methods**

#### Teratocarcinoma and ES Cells

The experiments described in this paper were performed using the following cell lines and conditions. An established murine diploid teratocarcinoma cell line, SCC-PSA1, was obtained from the American Type Culture Collection (ATCC; Manassas, VA). Cells were grown in DMEM media (Gibco, Grand Island, NY) containing 10% fetal bovine serum (FBS) (147; Gibco) and 1% penicillin/streptomycin (Gibco) at 37°C in 5% CO2. The teratocarcinoma cells were grown on feeder layers of STO cells (ATCC) that had been treated with 10 µg/ml mitomycin C (Sigma, St. Louis, MO) for 6 hours. The TC1 ES cell line was obtained from the laboratory of Michael Weinstein (Ohio State University, Columbus, OH). The ES cells were grown on STO feeder layers in the same conditions as described above using DMEM media containing 15% FBS, 1% penicillin/streptomycin 1% MEM nonessential amino acids (Gibco), 1% L-glutamine (Gibco), 500 µl of leukemia-inhibitory factor (LIF; ESGRO, ESG1106; Chemicon International, Temecula, CA), and 4  $\mu$ l of  $\beta$ -mercaptoethanol (Sigma). Both the SCC-PSA1 cell line [2] and the TC1 cell line were derived from 129Sv mice.

#### Tumor Induction

Tumors were induced in inbred BALB/c athymic nude mice (BABL/cAnNCrj-nu; Charles River, Wilmington, MA). Mice, receiving 500,000 teratocarcinoma and control ES cells, were injected with teratocarcinoma cells on the right flank and control ES cells on their left flank. Four mice were used in this study. Tumor latency and volume (cm<sup>3</sup>) were monitored over a period of 45 days. At the conclusion of that period, the mice were sacrificed and the tumors were measured and weighed. Any test animal whose tumor size imposed too great a burden was sacrificed prior to the end of the study.

## Cytogenetics

After treatment with Colcemid at a concentration of 10  $\mu$ g/ml in Hanks' balanced salt solution (Gibco) for 30 minutes, the hypotonic solution potassium chloride (KCI) was applied at 0.075M for 20 minutes (Sigma), followed by the fixative Carnoy's solution [methanol (Fisher, Fairland, NJ):glacial acetic acid 3:1] overnight. The samples were then dropped on clean microscope slides and stained with Wright stain. After overnight desiccation, the cells were examined for chromosomal abnormalities by light microscopy (× 40 - × 100). Two cells from 10 different slides were examined in order to determine a representative population.

#### RNA Amplification

Total cellular RNA was collected from each time point. Total RNA was isolated by Trizol (Invitrogen, Carlsbad, CA) and was cleaned up with a Qiagen RNeasy Mini kit (QIAGEN, Valencia, CA). *In vitro* transcription-based RNA amplification was then performed on each sample. cDNA was synthesized using the T7-(dT)24 primer: 5'-GGCCAGT-GAATTGTAATACGACT-CACTATAGGGA6GCGG-(dT)243'. The cDNA was cleaned using phase-lock gel (Fisher) phenol/chloroform extraction. After clean up, *in vitro* transcription labeling was performed using the Enzo "Bioarray Kit" (Affymetrix, Santa Clara, CA). The resulting cRNA was cleaned up, again using the Qiagen RNeasy Mini kit.

#### Affymetrix GeneChips Probe Array

Affymetrix Mu74Av2 GeneChips, encompassing ~ 12,000 genes and expressed sequence tags (ESTs) on one array, were processed according to the manufacturer's recommendations. Approximately 16 probe pairs (oligonucleotides) represent every gene or EST in a probe set. One sequence represents the complimentary strand of the target sequence, whereas the other has a 1-bp mismatch at the central base pair position. This mismatch sequence serves as an internal control for specificity of hybridization. The relative expression is reported as the average difference of the fluorescence intensity values between the perfect match and the mismatch oligonucleotides, resulting in the "average difference" value [3,4].

#### Statistical Analysis

Four independent samples were collected per time point. Stages of analysis consisted of: 1) array normalization; 2) estimation of gene expression; and 3) statistical testing. To make arrays comparable, raw intensity values within CEL files were normalized by regression as follows. A pseudoarray was produced, consisting of the median spot intensity determined across all arrays for all spots. Each real array was quadratically regressed against this median pseudoarray. Resulting scaled CEL files were used to estimate gene expression according to the full model index of Li and Wong (LWF), which was recently shown by Lemon et al. [5] to be superior to both the Li–Wong reduced model and Affymetrix average difference [6]. Genes with negative expression indexes were removed.

In order to determine expression change, a standard Student's *t* test was performed between the average values for each group based on the analyses desired (e.g., ES cells in culture *versus* induced ES cell tumor). Genes selected for further study had a *P* value <.0001 or .0005, depending on the group examined (see text). For the selected genes, expression indexes were transformed across samples to a N(0,1) distribution using a standard statistical *Z*-transform. These values were input to the GeneCluster program and genes were hierarchically clustered using average linkage and correlation dissimilarity.

#### GenMapp

Signal transduction pathways, metabolic pathways, and other functional groupings of genes were evaluated for differential regulation using the visualization tool GenMAPP (UCSF, www.genmapp.org). GenMAPP is a recently reported tool for visualizing expression data in the context of biologic pathways [7]. We imported the statistical results of our data set into the program and used GenMAPP to illustrate pathways containing differentially expressed genes. Differential gene expression was based on ES tumors *versus* teratocarcinomas expression change (fold  $\pm$  1.5 and  $P \leq .05$  as indicated by asterisk in Figure 7).

#### Real-Time Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR)

Two micrograms of total RNA per sample, collected as described above, was converted to cDNA using the Super-Script First-Strand Synthesis system for real-time PCR (Invitrogen, Carlsbad, CA). The primer used to generate cDNA was the same as that used to generate cDNA for the oligonucleotide array assay [T7-  $(dT)_{24}$  primer: 5'-GGCCAGTGAATTGTAATACGACTCACTATAGGGA GGCGG- $(dT)_{24}$ -3']. cDNA generated from each of the samples comprising one group was then pooled and real-time PCR was performed.

The real-time PCR assay was performed using the Bio-Rad iQ SYBR Green Super Mix kit (BioRad, Hercules, CA). The following primers were used to amplify the genes of interest: CDC7 F-ACTGCAGTTTCTGGGTGCTT, R-AGCAGGAACTCCTCAGCAAG; clusterin F-TGTGGACTGTTCAACCAACAA, R-ATTCCCTCCCAGA-CACTCCT; disabled 2 F-GAGGAGCGGCTACCTTTACC, R-GGTCAAACAGCTGCAACGTA: MAD2 F-GCCGAG-TTTTTCTCATTTGG, R-CCGATTCTTCCCACTTTTCA; MFAP2 F-GAGGAACTTCTCCGAGCTGA, R-AAAACA-GAGGTGGTCCATGC: PEM F-AAATGGAGGAAAAGGC-CACT, R-TTCTCCCCATCTCACTCCAC; trophoblast glycoprotein F-CAACCTGACACACCTCGAAA, R-GGTC-CGCATTGATTTCGTAT. One microliter of pooled cDNA was added to a 25-µl total volume reaction mixture containing water, iQ SYBR Green Super mix, and primers. Each realtime assay was performed in triplicate. Data were collected and analyzed on the BioRad iCycler version 2.033. GAPDH (primers: F-TGGAGAAACCTGCCAAGTATG, R-GTGGGTGCAGCGAACTTTAT) was used as an internal standard. The GAPDH value, a reflection of the number of cycles needed to reach a threshold of fluorescence, was subtracted from the cycle value for the individual gene whose expression was being assessed. Fold change was assessed by dividing the microarray expression value or the real-time expression value for the cancerous tissues by the values generated for the age-matched control tissues. For the calculation of the fold-change values in Figure 4, the agematched sample N1 was used for the control value for the ADE sample and the age-matched sample N2 was used as the control value for the CAR sample.

## Results

In our search to better define the tumorigenic properties of teratocarcinomas, we have characterized the properties of teratocarcinoma cells. The basic morphology of teratocarcinoma cells in culture is quite similar to ES cells (data not shown), complicating the differentiation between the two cell types. When kept in media that contains LIF and on a bed of feeder cells, such as mitomycin C-treated STO cells, ES cells maintain a slightly clumped distribution across the surface of the cell culture plate and have a round shiny appearance. This is also the case for teratocarcinoma cells,

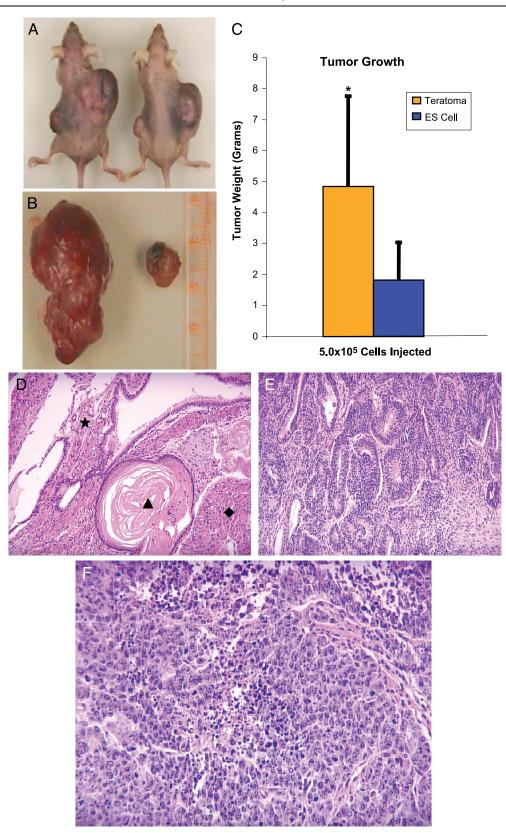
but the addition of LIF is not necessary to maintain the undifferentiated state. One main difference between the two cell types is adherence. Teratocarcinoma cells are much less adherent to the feeder cell layer than the ES cells, making separation of teratocarcinoma cells from the feeder layer much easier.

Although the growth of ES cells and teratocarcinoma cells is relatively similar *in vitro*, growth *in vivo* is quite different. Figure 1 shows the growth differences of the teratocarcinoma cells *versus* the ES cells. Three nude mice were injected with  $5 \times 10^5$  ES cells on the left flank and  $5 \times 10^5$  teratocarcinoma cells on the right flank. In Figure 1*A*, an *in situ* picture of representative tumors from the nude mice injections is presented. In Figure 1*B*, the tumors from Figure 1*A* have been excised and the size is shown with a metric ruler. Figure 1*C* is a graph detailing the tumor weight differences between the average of the ES cell tumors and the teratocarcinoma tumors (P < .05). It is clear from this figure that teratocarcinoma cells grow at a much faster rate than the ES cells.

Morphology of the two tumors was also similar to a point. Both cell types resulted in tumors with differentiated tissues, including skeletal muscle, squamous epithelium, and vascular tissues, as seen in Figure 1, *D* and *E*. In the ES cell benign tumors, vasculature was restricted, whereas in the teratocarcinomas, extensive recruitment of blood vessels was seen. The major defining characteristics of the teratocarcinomas were the extensive areas of necrosis and frequent mitotic figures, leading to the conclusion that the teratocarcinoma tumors have metastatic capabilities. There are also several other tissue types present in the teratocarcinomas, such as cartilage and glandular materials, that were not seen in the ES cell tumors.

In order to better characterize the teratocarcinoma cell line, SCC-PSA 1, we undertook cytogenetic analysis to determine whether or not large chromosomal abnormalities were responsible for the phenotypic changes seen between the ES cells and the teratocarcinoma cells. The common karyotyping method of G-banding using trypsin and Wright's stain (GTW) was applied to two separate cultures of the SCC-PSA 1 cell line. Of the 20 separate metaphase spreads identified, the normal murine diploid karyotype number of 38 autosomes and 2 sex chromosomes, in this case two X chromosomes, were seen in each cell. Figure 2 is a representative metaphase spread (A) and karyotype (B) of the SCC-PSA 1 cell line. Because the computer program used to assist in the karyotyping was designed for human karyotypes, there are several extra numbers associated with the figure that do not correspond to murine chromosomes.

Because there were no major chromosomal abnormalities detected in the 20 cells that were examined by karyotyping, we hypothesize that other genetic changes are responsible for the phenotype differences between ES cells and teratocarcinoma cells. In order to assess the genetic changes occurring during the transition from ES cell to teratocarcinoma cell, we used Affymetrix U74A GeneChips microarrays to determine the overall gene expression changes between both ES cell cultures and tumors, and



**Figure 1.** Characterization of teratocarcinoma tumor growth referenced to ES cell tumor growth. (A) Representative tumors in situ. About  $5 \times 10^5$  ES cells were injected on the left flank of the mice and  $5 \times 10^5$  SCC-PSA1 (teratocarcinoma) cells were injected on the right flank. (B) Resected tumors. Representative tumors from the nude mouse experiment were resected and photographed. Centimeter ruler to the right to indicate tumor size. (C) Differential growth of the ES cell tumors and teratocarcinomas (P < .05). The orange bar represents average teratocarcinoma growth; the blue bar represents ES cell growth. Tumor weight in grams is on the Y-axis. (D) Hematoxylin and eosin (H&E) staining of section of resected tumors. This area demonstrates the tissue types of ( $\star$ ) glandular epithelium, ( $\blacktriangle$ ) squamous epithelium, and ( $\blacklozenge$ ) mature skeletal tissues, which were similar in both the ES cell tumors and the teratocarcinoma demonstrating the areas of necrosis and frequent mitotic figures, which is unique to the teratocarcinomas.

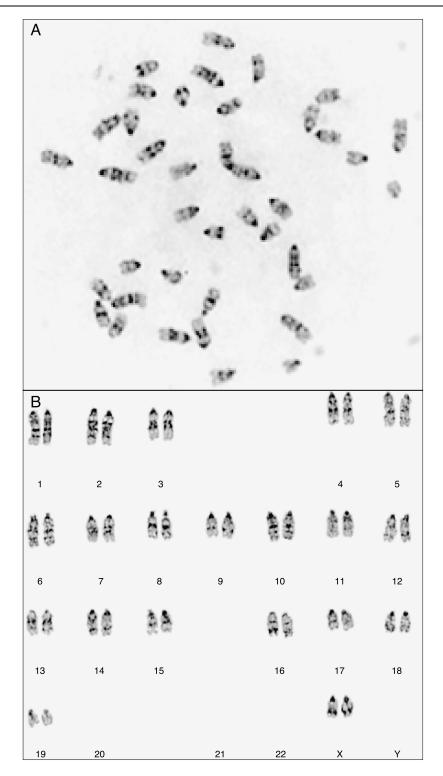


Figure 2. Karyotype analysis of SCC-PSA1 cell line. (A) Representative metaphase spread for the SCC-PSA1 cell line. Twenty separate metaphase spreads were examined and no detectable numerical abnormalities were found. (B) Representative karyotype of SCC-PSA1 cell line. A normal karyotype of 38 autosomes and 2 sex chromosomes was seen in all 20 of the cells examined. No apparent chromosomal abnormalities were identified. Note: The computer program used to display the karyotype is intended for human karyotypes, leading to the excess of numbers that do not correspond to any murine chromosomes.

teratocarcinoma cell cultures and tumors. Total RNA was isolated from ES cell and teratocarcinoma cell cultures 2 days after plating, as well as from flash frozen portions of the resected nude mouse ES and teratocarcinoma tumors. Analysis of expression included a two-tailed Student's *t* test as well as fold-change detection.

In order to better understand the mechanisms of tumorigenesis, we examined the gene expression changes between the ES cell cultures and the teratocarcinoma cell cultures, as well as the gene expression changes between the ES cell tumors and the teratocarcinomas from the nude mice study. Figure 3 contains two lists, detailing the genes with a *P* value of less than .00005 for both of the analyses. Figure 3*A* contains data for the cell culture comparisons, 68 total genes with 28 upregulated in the teratocarcinoma cell culture and 40 genes downregulated in the teratocarcinoma cell culture. Figure 3*B* contains the tumor data, displaying 31 genes upregulated in the teratocarcinoma tumor and 20 genes downregulated. There are several genes of interest whose expression is significantly altered in the teratocarcinoma cell cultures. Increased expression is seen in MCM 4, a critical factor in DNA replication, as well as the c-myc-responsive gene, *JPO1*. As would be expected, teratocarcinoma-derived growth factor expression is increased, as is the expression of the Bloom syndrome gene.

Interestingly, Ras 1 expression and *GRO1* expression are significantly decreased in the tumor cell line. We do see decreases in the anti-proliferative factor B-cell translocation 1 and GATA-6, usually associated with lung cell differentiation. Clusterin, a controversial protein found to both inhibit and encourage apoptosis, has decreased expression as well. Finally, HMG2, a cellular differentiation factor, is also decreased.

Between the ES cell tumor and the teratocarcinoma, there are also some very interesting expression changes. Both CDC 25 and CDC 7, critical factors in cell cycle progression, are overexpressed in the teratocarcinomas. The homologue of the human *Highly Expressed in Cancer (HEC)* gene is predictably overexpressed as well. ADAM 8, a cell adhesion molecule, is significantly downregulated in the teratocarcinoma, possibly allowing for local tissue invasion. Calcyclin, usually seen to be upregulated in cancers such as prostate, is decreased in the teratocarcinoma in our study.

To exclude genes whose expression changes might be the result of the environment change (i.e., from *in vitro* to *in vivo*), we examined the cell types in relation to each other. Figure 4 lists the genes whose change in expression between the cell culture samples *versus* the tumor has a *P* value of less than .0001. Figure 4*A* compares ES cells in culture to the ES cell tumors induced in nude mice, and Figure 4*B* compares teratocarcinoma cells in culture to the teratocarcinoma tumors induced in nude mice.

Between the transition from *in vitro* to *in vivo* for the ES cells (Figure 4A), we see 64 genes with significant expression changes. The 42 genes downregulated in the ES cell tumor include the key cell cycle regulators CDC2A, CDC6, and cyclins B1 and F. Interestingly, we also see downregulation of several known oncogenes: placentae and embryos oncofetal gene (*PEM*), *HEC*, and *GRO1*. This has interesting implications in respect to the conditions of cell culture and its effect on the cell.

There are relatively fewer genes upregulated in the ES cell tumor. We do see two known oncogenes upregulated in the ES cell tumors, E26 avian leukemia oncogene 1 (Ets1) and lung carcinoma myc-related oncogene 1. Heat shock proteins 2 and 40B10 are also upregulated in the ES cell tumor.

There are 59 genes with significant expression changes found between the teratocarcinoma cell line and the teratocarcinoma tumor (shown in Figure 4B)—34 with an increased expression in the tumor and 25 downregulated in

the tumor. The BCL2-related protein A1D is upregulated in the teratocarcinoma, as is Rho B. Hepatocellular carcinoma-associated antigen 112 is also upregulated in the teratocarcinoma.

As was seen in the ES cell tumor, PEM is downregulated in the teratocarcinoma. Embryonal stem cell-specific 1 is downregulated as well, implying in the name that the teratocarcinoma is clearly a different cell type than the ES cell from which it is derived. Along those same lines, undifferentiated embryonic cell transcription factor 1 also has decreased expression in the tumor, alluding to the potential for differentiation that is the hallmark of the teratocarcinoma phenotype in humans.

GenMapp search revealed that the cell cycle pathway is actively involved in the development of teratocarcinomas with changes in multiple cell cycle genes (*BUB1*, *MAD2L1*, *Cdc25A*, *Cdh1*, *CycB1*, *CDK1*, *WEE1*, *Cdc7*, *DP1*, *CDK4*, *MCMs*, and *E2F5*) (Figure 7). Several cellular pathways– related genes are also found including apoptosis (caspase 3, caspase 7, poly [ADP ribose] polymerase-1), TGF $\beta$  pathway (thrombospondin, Smad2, 5'-TG-3' interacting factor), and Wnt pathway (wnt-4, wnt-5a).

Our microarray results clearly demonstrate the genetic differences between embryonic stem cells and teratocarcinomas. In order to verify these results, we selected a subset of genes from all of the groups analyzed and performed real-time reverse transcription polymerase chain reaction (RT-PCR) to assess whether or not gene expression data from the microarrays was an accurate depiction of the transcription taking place. Figure 5 is a graphic representation of fold change between both the ES cell culture and teratocarcinoma cell culture data, and between the ES cell tumors and teratocarcinomas induced in nude mice. Although the fold change values for the comparisons between either group may differ, the expression patterns seen with the real time RT-PCR verify our microarray data.

## Discussion

In this study, we have characterized the tumorigenic properties and gene expression profiles of teratocarcinomas, which will further the understanding of teratocarcinoma development. We began our molecular characterization of teratocarcinomas based on the lack of evidence supporting large chromosomal abnormalities as a factor of tumorigenesis. We utilized microarray technology to observe the overall differences in gene expression that could be responsible for the teratocarcinoma phenotype. In order to understand the molecular processes that are contributing the most to the transformation of the ES cell into a teratocarcinoma cell, we have compiled a list of those genes whose expression pattern changes were common to both the cell cultures and the tumors. Figure 6A is a list of genes that the analyses from Figure 3 have in common (P < .001). There are 12 genes whose expression is increased in both the teratocarcinoma cell line and the teratocarcinoma, and eight genes whose expression is decreased in both sample types. All of the genes represented in this figure have a P value of less than

Α	ESC	TERC	Gene	<u>FC</u>	Probe ID	Pub Acc
			Erythroid Differentiation Regulator		98525 f at	
			Ectodermal-neural Cortex 1	2.60		
			Ribonucleotide Reductase M2	2.17	102001_at	M14223
			Single-stranded DNA BP 1	1.57	100957_at	AA881160
			Mini Chromosome Maintenance Deficient 4	1.61	93041 at	D26089
			Undifferentiated Embryonic Cell TF 1	2.14	102220 at	
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			Branched Chain Aminotransferase 2	2.12	100443_at	
			JPO1	1.85	95063 <u>a</u> t	Al606257
			Small Nuclear Ribonucleoprotein N	3.68	102163 <u>a</u> t	X60388
			Solute Carrier Family 7-7	1.99	103818 at	AJ012754
			Folate Receptor 1	1.57	93785 at	M64782
			Branched Chain Aminotransferase 1	1.56	100026 at	U42443
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			Aldo-keto Reductase 1-B3		162341_r_at	
			BRG1/brm-associated Factor 53A	1.49	95659_at	AF041476
			Makorin 1	1.62	101069 <u>g</u> at	AA656621
			Phosphofructokinase	2.22	97834 <u>g</u> at	AI853802
			Teratocarcinoma-Derived Growth Factor		93002 <u>r</u> at	M87321
			Ring Finger Protein 1	1.67	101068 at	
			Myo-inositol 1-phosphate Synthase A1	2.67	160337_at	Al847162
			Zinc Finger Protein 5	1.71	103989_at	Al314715
			Induced in Fatty Liver Dystrophy 2	1.15	161067_at	AA770736
			Eukaryotic Translation Initiation Factor 4E BP 1	1.32	100636 at	U28656
			Helicase	1.63	93228 at	U25691
			Protein Typrotein Tyrosine Kinase 9	1.51	94020 at	Y17808
			Bloom Syndrome	1.28	102631_at	
			Gastrulation Brain Homeobox 2	2.06	94200_at	Z48800
			Nuclear Protein 1	1.60	160108_at	AI852641
			Paternally Expressed 3	1.48	96765 at	AW120874
			Methionine Adenosyltransferase II alpha	1.42	160362 at	
			Ephrin B2	1.84	160857_at	U30244
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			Proliferin 2	2.36	93883_at	K03235
			B-cell Translocation 1	1.94	93104_at	Z16410
			Protein Tyrosine Phosphatase 16	1.51	104598_at	X61940
			Cartilage Associated Protein	1.67	103817_at	AJ006469
			3-O-sulfotransferase 1	2.37	102410 at	
			2-cell-stage 1	1.46	96584_f_at	
			-			
			APR-3/p18	1.83	160271_at	
			FBJ Osteosarcoma Oncogene	2.53	160901_at	V00727
			Rho-guanine Nucleotide Exchange Factor	1.86	92710_at	U73199
			Eukaryotic Translation Initiation Factor 2-3	4.86	103674 f at	AJ006584
			Follistatin	1.17	98817 at	Z29532
			GATA Binding Protein 6	1.90	104698 at	U51335
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			Keratin Complex 2-8	1.76	101009_at	X15662
			Transmembrane 4 Superfamily 6	2.40	92555_at	AF053454
			Reversion Induced LIM	1.41	104094 <u>a</u> t	Y08361
			RAS 1	1.48	99032 at	AF009246
			S100 Calcium Binding Protein A13	2.23	100959 at	X99921
			FXYD Domain-containing Transport Regulator 3		103059_at	X93038
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			Retinoic Acid A1	2.09	98320_at	Y12657
			Pleckstrin Homology-like Domain A3	1.59	98056 <u>a</u> t	Al846214
			Clusterin	2.35	95286_at	D14077
			Epiregulin	1.89	98802_at	D30782
			Transgelin	2.19	93541 at	Z68618
			Metallothionein 2	1.61	101561 at	K02236
				2.09		
			Metallothionein 1		93573_at	V00835
			Actin alpha 2	5.63	93100_at	X13297
			GRO1 Oncogene	1.52	95349 <u>g</u> at	J04596
			Serine Proteinase Inhibitor E1	2.15	94147 at	M33960
			Serine Protease 23	3.25	94238 at	AW228316
			Osteoblast Specific Factor 2	3.44	92593 at	D13664
			Serum-inducible Kinase	1.42	92310_at	M96163
			Trophoblast Glycoprotein	1.57	95345_at	AJ012160
			Lysyl Oxidase	1.52	160095_at	D10837
			High Mobility Group AT-hook 2	2.23	99058_at	X99915
			Procollagen IV alpha 2	2.04	101039_at	X04647
			Glutathione S-transferase mu 2	1.63	93009_at	J04696
			Transient Receptor Protein 2	3.37	96939_at	AI842649
			Lectin 4	1.54	160099_at	AF026799

**Figure 3.** Global expression changes of the transformation of teratocarcinoma cell from ES cells. (A) Cells in culture: a comparison of ESC versus TERC (P < .00005). Red indicates expression higher than the mean value. Green indicates expression below the mean value. Black indicates a value near the mean. Gene name is indicated to the right of the colored diagram. FC—fold change between the average expression values for the two groups being compared; Probe ID—Affymetrix probe identification number; Pub Acc—public accession number corresponding to the gene sequence used to generate the Affymetrix probe. (B) Tumors: a comparison of ES versus TER (P < .00005). Color scheme and labels identical to that described in Figure 4A.

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В	ES	TER	Gene	FC Probe ID Pub Acc		
_			hnRNP A2/B1	1.56 93117 at AF073993		
			Mesoderm Specific Transcript	2.80 92607 at AF017994		
			Microfibrillar-associated 2	1.60 101095_at L23769		
			Zinc Finger Protein 143	1.31 102263_at U29513		
			Cell Division Cycle 25	1.87 102934_s_at L16926		
			Down-regulated in Metastasis	1.09 104463 at Al157789		
			Cell Division Cycle 7	2.44 103797 at AB019388		
			Thyroid Hormone Receptor Interactor 13	3.19 101372_at Al852645		
			Rab 6	1.95 160501 at Y09632		
			HEC Protein	2.92 93441 at Al595322		
			Serine/threonine Kinase 6	2.79 92639 at U80932		
			Centromere Protein E	1.92 161076 at Al462312		
			Eukaryotic Translation Initiation Factor 1A/4C	1.63 93358 at Al836451		
			Chromosomal Protein CAPC	2.24 101906_at AA032310		
			Nucleolar Protein ANKT	2.72 161000 i at AA275196		
			Fibroblast Growth Factor Inducible 16	2.28 97421 at U42385		
			Ribonucleotide Reductase M2	2.54 102001 at M14223		
			Baculoviral IAP Repeat-containing 5	2.72 101521 at AB013819		
			Kinesin-like 1	4.00 99541_at AJ223293		
			Apoptosis Inhibitory Protein 5	1.32 101035_at U35846		
			Enhancer of Zeste 2	3.12 99917_at U52951		
			High Mobility Group Box 2	2.41 93250 r at X67668		
			TEA Domain Family Member 2	1.34 96940 at Y10026		
			Pericentrin	1.54 99662 at AI194767		
			DNA Polymerase alpha 1	2.26 103207 at D13543		
			Cell Division Cycle 6	2.69 103821_at AJ223087		
			Maternal Embryonic Leucine Zipper Kinase	1.41 100416_at L76158		
			Checkpoint Kinase 1	1.62 103064_at AF016583		
			Nuclear Cap Binding Protein	1.16 102400_at AW125118		
			TRAP 220	1.45 96577 <u>i</u> at A <b>I</b> 853019		
			Chromobox 3	1.32 100405_at X56683		
			Clusterin	3.27 95286_at  D14077		
			Small Proline-rich Protein 2G	1.80 101754_f_at AJ005565		
			Keratin Complex 2-7	1.64 97920_at AA755126		
			FXYD-containing Ion Transport Regulator 2	1.39 94827_at X70060		
			SRY-box Containing 10	1.20 100283_at AW125812		
			Odorant Binding Protein IB	1.34 101296_at Y10972		
			Tissue Inhibitor of Metalloproteinase 2	1.52 93507_at X62622		
			Endomucin	1.63 94997_at AF060883		
			Insulin-like Growth Factor Binding Protein 6	1.69 103904_at X81584		
			Small Proline-rich Protein 1A	1.47 160909_at AF057156 1.40 104213 at AI266885		
			Uridine Phosphorylase	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		
			Norrie Disease Homolog S100 Calcium Binding Protein A1	1.32 92976_at X92397 1.94 95453_f_at AF087687		
			FXYD-containing Ion Transport Regulator 1	2.30 93040 at AF091390		
			A Disintegrin and Metalloprotease Domain 8	1.65 103024 at X13335		
			Serine Proteinase Inhibitor G1	1.46 99081 at AF010254		
			Eukaryotic Translation Initiation Factor 2-3	3.33 103674 f at AJ006584		
			Insulin-like Growth Factor Binding Protein 7	1.48 160527 at AB012886		
			Serine Protease 23	1.89 94238 at AW228316		
			Calcyclin	2.08 92770_at X66449		
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Figure 3. Continued.

.001, so it is interesting to note that one gene, *trophoblast glycoprotein*, showed a contradictory expression pattern.

Trophoblast glycoprotein expression was seen to increase in the teratocarcinoma tumor compared to its expression in the teratocarcinoma cell line. This gene plays a role in the modulation of cell adhesion and mobility, which could explain the change in expression between the cell line and the tumor.

The other genes in the figure play key roles in a variety of cell cycle functions. CDC7 is critical for the initiation of DNA replication but also plays a role in maintenance of genomic integrity [8]. Mad2-like1 is involved in the cell cycle checkpoint responsible for appropriate spindle attachment to the centromere. Enhancer of Zeste 2 has histone methyl transferase activity. All of these genes are upregulated in both the teratocarcinoma cell line and in the tumor. Of the downregulated genes, *Clusterin* stands out. Its function is disputed but much of the evidence points to a proapoptotic role [9,10]. Two serine protease inhibitors, Cystatin C and Serine Proteinase Inhibitor G1, are downregulated as well.

In addition to the phenotypic response resulting from molecular changes during the transformation of the ES cells

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ESC	ES	<u>Gene</u>	FC	Probe ID	Pub Acc
		Testis Expressed 292	3.14	102315_at	AW124570
		Cell Division Control Protein CKS2	4.15	97527_at	AA681998
		Eukaryotic Translation Initiation Factor 2-2 beta	3.59	97083 at	AA600468
		SRY-box Containing 17	5.86	92996_at	D49473
		Placentae and Embryos Oncofetal Gene	14.94	101368 at	M32484
		•	3.71		M38724
		Cell Division Cycle 2A		100128_at	
		KDEL Receptor 3	3.39	104464_s_at	
		Histone Acetyltransferase B	3.87	97896 <u>r</u> at	
		Metal Response Element Binding TF 2	3.81	102069_at	S78454
		Cyclin B1	4.54	160159_at	X64713
		Protein Regulator of Cytokinesis 1	3.91	95032_at	AA856349
		Eukaryotic Translation Initiation Factor 1A	3.07	94745_f_at	U28419
		Geminin	3.76	160069 at	AA681520
		DEAD/H Box 16	3.31	100559 <u>a</u> t	AI853344
		HSPC150	5.00	100955_at	AA989957
		Ttk Protein Kinase	3.98	103201_at	M86377
		Fibroblast Growth Factor Inducible 16	3.60	97421_at	U42385
		Teratocarcinoma-derived Growth Factor	8.61	93002 <u>r</u> at	M87321
		Nucleotide Binding Protein	3.68	98948_at	AI785289
		Gap Junction Membrane Channel beta 5	4.90	104016_at	M91236
		Traf and Tnf Receptor Associated	3.39	93538_at	AW228036
		MAD2-like 1	3.08	99632_at	U83902
		Embryonal Stem Cell Specific 1	17.04	160370_at	AA683849
		Cyclin F	3.86	99073_at	Z47766
		POU Domain 5 Transcription Factor 1	14.50	103075_at	M34381
		Uridine-cytidine Kinase 2	4.20	94367_at	AI850362
		Heparan Sulfate 3-O-sulfotransferase 1	7.17	102410 at	AF019385
		FBJ Osteosarcoma Oncogene	5.14	160901_at	V00727
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		Syntaxin 3	3.77	100499_at	D29797
		GATA 6	3.93	104698_at	U51335
		Thyroid Hormone Receptor Interactor 13	4.91	101372_at	AI852645
		Highly Expressed in Cancer	4.99	93441_at	AI595322
		Cell Division Cycle 6	4.41	103821_at	AJ223087
		Serine/threonine Kinase 6	4.94	92639_at	U80932
		Undifferentiated Embryonic Cell TF 1	4.19	102220_at	AB017360
		Early Growth Response 1	4.57	98579_at	M28845
		Testis Expressed 19	7.97	102418_at	AA793009
		Disabled 2	5.33	98045_s_at	U18869
		GRO1 Oncogene	14.17	95348_at	J04596
		High Mobility Group AT-hook 2	8.75	99058_at	X99915
		Epiregulin	5.02		D30782
				98802_at	
		Cysteine Rich 61	3.48	92777_at	M32490
		Heat Shock Protein 2	4.15	99816_at	M20567
		Forkhead Box A1	8.26	92697_at	U44752
		Prominin	61.12	93389_at	AF039663
		Insulin-like Growth Factor BP 7	6.11	160527_at	AB012886
		Cathepsin S	16.76	98543_at	AJ223208
		2,3-bisphosphoglycerate Mutase	6.72	94815_at	X13586
		Osteoblast Specific Factor 2	6.72	92593_at	D13664
		Clusterin	4.68	95286 at	D14077
		Cofilin 2	3.77	97549 at	L29468
		Lysozyme	51.64	100611_at	M21050
		Endomucin	3.53	94997_at	AF060883
		Sorbin and SH3 Domain Containing 1	6.68	160320_at	U58883
		Secretogranin III	34.06		AV328553
		5		162237_f_at	
		Tetranectin	4.86	92224_at	X79199
		Carboxypeptidase E	3.60	99643_f_at	X61232
		Microfibrillar-associated 2	3.11	101095_at	L23769
		E26 Avian Leukemia Oncogene 1	3.74	94720_at	M58482
		Lung Carcinoma Myc Related Oncogene 1	4.12	102235_at	X13945
		Thymosin B4	3.18	96426_at	U38967
		Cysteine Rich 2	6.19	101593 <u>a</u> t	AI851454
		Steroid Sensitive 1	5.83	160298 at	AW122012
		Hsp40 B10	3.25	98451 at	AI843164
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Figure 4. An examination of the expression changes associated with the transition from in vitro to in vivo. (A) The expression of genes in ES cells in culture compared to the expression of genes in ES cell tumors induced in nude mice (P < .001). Labeling and color scheme identical to that described in (A). (B) The expression of genes in teratocarcinoma cells in culture compared to teratocarcinomas induced in nude mice. Labeling and color scheme identical to that described in (A).

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TERC TER	Gene	FC	Probe ID	Pub Acc
	Peter Pan	3.37	161016 at	AA673574
	Chemokine Orphan Receptor 1	4.75	93430 at	AF000236
	Cysteine Dioxygenase 1	3.95	96346 at	Al854020
	Transmembrane 4 Superfamily 2	4.64	93326_at	D26483
	Microsomal Glutathione S-transferase 1	7.93	93026_at	AW124337
	Cadherin 5	6.84	104083 at	AI853217
	BCL2 Related Protein A1D	2.92	93869 <u>s</u> at	U23781
	Lysozyme	75.94	100611 at	M21050
	Open Reading Frame 12	5.00	99191_at	Al844939
	SH3-binding Domain Glutamic Acid-rich	4.31	93806_at	Al848671
	Ligand of Numb X 1	4.89	102038_at	AF034745
	SRY-box Containing 11	5.89	101631 <u>a</u> t	AF009414
	MARCKS	8.96	96865_at	M60474
	Neuropilin	4.89	95016 <u>a</u> t	D50086
	Paternally Expressed 3	7.01	161316 <u>f</u> at	AV353105
	Hepatocellular Carcinoma-associated 112	3.82	96605 <u>a</u> t	AI787183
	Prostate Tumor Over Expressed 1	3.18	99599 <u>s</u> at	AW210320
	Nuclear Factor I/B	5.68	99440_at	Y07686
	Mesoderm Specific Transcript	5.00	92607_at	AF017994
	ERp72	3.46	99645_at	AW048484
	SWI/SNF related E1	3.76	96651_at	AF035263
	Retinol Binding Protein 4	4.82	96047_at	U63146
	Drebrin 1	5.83	103430_at	AW124952
	Rho B	3.14	101030_at	X99963
	Pleiomorphic Adenoma-like 1	9.84	92502_at	X95504
	Nestin	7.45	103549_at	AW061260
	Zinc Finger of the Cerebellum 1	6.92	104169_at	D32167
	Transient Receptor 2	14.14	96939_at	Al842649
	Microfibrillar-associated 2	4.89	101095_at	L23769
	Insulin-like Growth Factor BP 7	5.57	160527_at	AB012886
	Immediate Early Response 5	6.82	92773_at	AF079528
	Leucine Rich Repeat 1	3.34	161045_at	D45913
	Membrane-spanning 4-domains A-6B	6.45	102104 <u>f</u> at	AI504305
	Transgelin	3.90	93541_at	Z68618
	Placentae and Embryos Oncofetal Gene	4.39	101368_at	M32484
	Uridine Phosphorylase	5.23	100030_at	D44464
	Laminin alpha 1	5.57	103729_at	M36775
	Secretory Proteoglycan N-acetylneuraminate Pyruvate Lyase	3.60	94085_at	M34603
	Teratocarcinoma-derived Growth Factor	3.80 10.44	94330_at	AA710564
	Kruppel-like Factor 4	4.90	93002 <u>r</u> at 99622 at	M87321 U20344
	Fatty Acid Binding Protein 3	4.90 5.43	99022 <u>a</u> t 94214 at	X14961
	Metal Response Element Transcription Factor 2	3.25	102069_at	S78454
	Makorin 1	3.87	10200 <u>9</u> at	
	Embryonal Stem Cell Specific 1	5.00	160370_at	AA683849
	Undifferentiated Embryonic Cell TF 1	4.22	102220_at	AB017360
	Solute Carrier 2-3	3.54	93804 at	Al854156
	POU Domain 5 Transcription Factor 1	5.09	103075_at	M34381
	Glycosylasparaginase	3.44	97154 f at	AA413015
	Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis 2	3.34	96900_at	AW125480
	Solute Carrier 29-1	3.28	95733 at	Al838274
	Laminin B1-1	3.44	101948_at	X05212
	Telomeric Repeat Binding Factor 1	3.07	99920 at	U65586
	Disabled 2	4.91	98045_s_at	U18869
	Low Density Lipoprotein Receptor-related 2	4.87	103377_at	AW259788
	HSPC150	3.51	100955 at	AA989957
	T-box 3	6.31	103538 at	AW121328
	Lectin 2	4.52	160221 at	AA709879
	Tumor-associated Calcium Signal Transducer 1	3.05	99582 at	M76124
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Figure 4. Continued.

into teratocarcinoma cells, we recognize the potential for drastic change in gene expression during the transition from culture to *in vivo* (see Figure 4). Figure 6*B* details those genes whose expression changes are common between the cell cultures and tumors of both the ES cells and the teratocarcinomas.

There are seven genes that are downregulated in both the ES cell and teratocarcinoma tumors. Included in the list of genes with decreased expression after tumor induction are genes specifically involved in the maintenance of the embryonal nature of the cells: PEM, undifferentiated embryonal cell TF 1, embryonal stem cell-specific 1, and,

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surprisingly, teratocarcinoma-derived growth factor. Interestingly, Disabled 2, shown to be involved in the MAPK pathway [11] and to mediate c-fos expression and the cell growth– regulatory function of retinoic acid in F9 embryonic stem cell– like teratocarcinoma cells [12], is also downregulated in the tumors. Metal response element binding transcription factor 2 and POU domain 5 transcription factor 1 are also downregulated in the tumors.

There are three genes that are upregulated in both tumor types. Those genes with increased expression in the tumors are lysozyme, microfibrillar-associated 2, and insulin-like growth factor binding protein 7. The upregulation of microfibrillar-associated 2, shown to interact with fibrillin-1 and fibrillin-2 [13], may result from the need to establish an anchor for growth in the host. Insulin-like growth factor binding protein 7/mac25 has been shown to be downregulated in liver tumorigenesis [14], but in our system, this factor seems to have a positive growth influence.

To identify the precise genes or pathways responsible for teratocarcinoma induction, altered gene expression in teratocarcinomas was investigated. Microarray, together with the GenMAPP analysis, revealed that several cellular pathways are involved in the teratocarcinoma tumorigenesis, possibly through the interplay among cell cycle regulation, apoptosis, G13 pathway, TGF $\beta$  pathway, and Wnt pathway. GenMapp showed that a total of 26 genes have altered with fold change of ±1.5 in the cell cycle pathway. Out of these 26 genes, 19 have the *P* value  $\leq .05$  (Figure 7). The expression of the following genes in cell cycle pathway-mitotic checkpoint serine/threonine protein kinase (BUB1), mitotic spindle assembly checkpoint protein (MAD2L1), M-phase inducer phosphatase 3 (Cdc25A), E-cadherin (Cdh1), G2/mitoticspecific cyclin B1 (CycB1), cell division control protein 2 homolog (CDK1), Wee1-like protein kinase (WEE1), cell division cycle 7-related protein kinase (Cdc7), transcription factor DP-1 (DP1), cell division protein kinase 4 (CDK4), DNA replication licensing factors (MCM2, MCM3, MCM4,

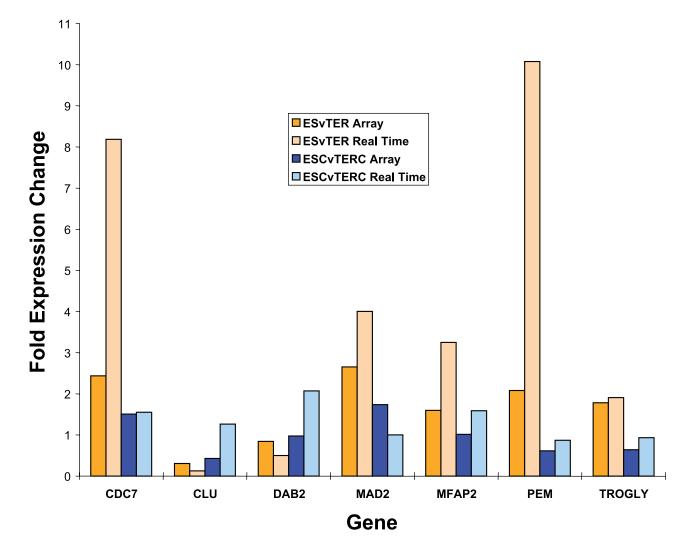


Figure 5. Real-time RT-PCR analysis of several genes of interest compared to the microarray expression analysis. ES cell tumor data (ES) are compared to teratocarcinoma data (TER) for both microarray data (dark orange) and real-time RT-PCR (light orange). Also included are data from the ES cell culture (ESC) versus teratocarcinoma cell culture (TERC) for both microarray data (dark blue) and real-time RT-PCR data (light blue). Gene name is on the X-axis and fold change is on the Y-axis. Real-time PCR was performed on two samples and the value presented is the average of the two samples (with a variation of less than 10%).

Α	Cell Culture	Tumor					
	ESC1 ESC2 ESC3 ESC3 ESC3 ESC4 ESC3 ESC4 ESC4 ESC4 ESC4 ESC4 ESC3 ESC4 ESC4 ESC4 ESC3 ESC4 ESC4 ESC3 ESC4 ESC3 ESC4 ESC3 ESC4 ESC3 ESC4 ESC2 ESC3 ESC4 ESC2 ESC3 ESC4 ESC6 ESC4 ESC6 ESC6 ESC6 ESC6 ESC6 ESC6 ESC6 ESC6	ES1 ES2 ES2 ES3 ES4 ES3 ES4 ES4 ES4 ES4 ES4 ES4 ES4 ES4 ES4 ES4	<b>Gene</b> Nonsense mRNA Reducing Factor 1 Cell Division Cycle 7 DNA Polymerase alpha 1 MAD2-like 1 U6 snRNA-associated Sm-like Protein 8 Mesoderm Specific Transcript Eukaryotic Translation Initiation Factor 1A Enhancer of Zeste 2 Ribonucleotide Reductase M2 Checkpoint Kinase 1 High Mobility Group Box 2 Maternal Embryonic Leucine Zipper Kinase Low Density Lipoprotein Receptor 8 Clusterin Serine Protease 23 Trophoblast Glycoprotein Keratin Complex 1 Gene 19 Eukaryotic Translation Initiation Factor 2 S3Y Cystatin C Serine (or cysteine) Proteinase Inhibitor G1	<b>FCC</b> 1.27 2.17 1.58 1.42 1.53 1.30 4.86 1.51 1.58 1.52 2.51 1.40 1.56 3.25 2.35 1.57 1.61 1.51 1.73 2.01	<b>FCT</b> 1.41 2.54 1.75 1.62 2.26 1.87 3.33 2.44 1.50 4.86 2.80 2.41 1.63 1.89 3.27 1.78 1.82 1.46 2.65 3.12	Probe ID 103444_at 103797_at 103207_at 99632_at 102409_at 93358_at 99917_at 102001_at 103064_at 93250_r_at 100416_at 95286_at 95286_at 95286_at 95286_at 95345_at 95345_at 92550_at 103674_f_at 161522_i_at 99081_at	Pub Acc Al272489 AB019388 D13543 U83902 AW046963 AF017994 Al836451 U52951 M14223 AF016583 X67668 L76158 AI787183 D14077 AW228316 AJ012160 M36120 AJ006584 AV218205 AF010254
В	ES	Teratocarcinoma	]				
	ESC3 ESC3 ESC4 ESC4 ESC4 ESC3 ESC3 ESC3 ESC3 ESC3 ESC3 ESC3 ESC3	TERC1 TERC2 TERC3 TERC3 TERC4 TERC4 TERC4 TERC4	<b>Gene</b> Placentae and Embryos Oncofetal Gene   Metal Response Element Binding TF 2   Undifferentiated Embryonic Cell TF 1   POU Domain 5 Transcription Factor 1   Embryonal Stem Cell Specific 1   Teratocarcinoma-derived Growth Factor   Disabled 2   Lysozyme   Microfibrillar-associated 2   Insulin-like Growth Factor BP 7	FC ES 14.94 3.81 4.19 14.50 17.04 8.61 5.33 51.64 3.11 6.11	FC T 4.39 3.25 4.22 5.09 5.00 10.44 4.91 75.94 4.89 5.57	101368_at 102069_at 102220_at 103075_at 160370_at 93002_r_at 98045_s_at	Pub Acc M32484 S78454 AB017360 M34381 AA683849 M87321 U18869 M21050 L23769 AB012886

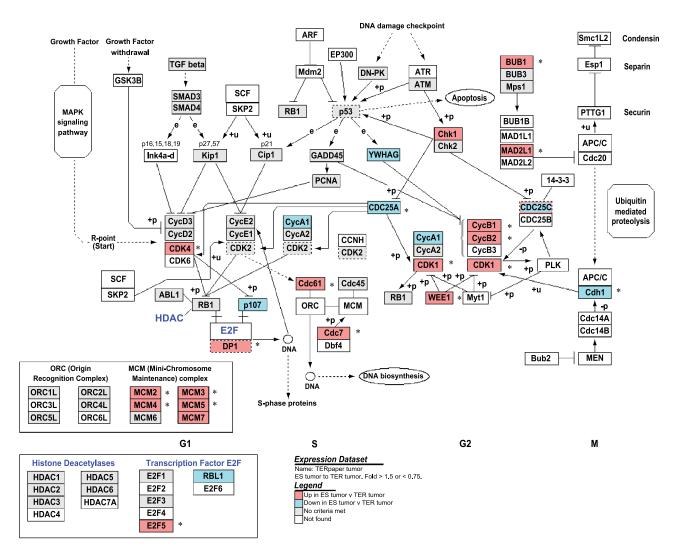
Figure 6. (A) Similarities between the expression patterns of genes with differential expression between ES cell culture and teratocarcinoma cell culture, as well as ES cell tumor and teratocarcinoma. Labeling and color scheme identical to that described in Figure 4A. FCC—fold change between the average expression values for ES cells versus the teratocarcinoma cells in culture; FCT—fold change between the average expression values for ES cell tumors versus teratocarcinomas. (B) Similarities between the expression patterns of genes with differential expression between the cell cultures and the tumors for both the ES cell and the teratocarcinoma cells. Labeling and color scheme identical to that described in Figure 4A. FC ES—fold change between the average expression values for ES cell cultures versus the ES cell tumors. FCT—fold change between the average expression values for ES cell cultures versus the teratocarcinoma cells. Labeling and color scheme identical to that described in Figure 4A. FC ES—fold change between the average expression values for ES cell cultures versus the ES cell tumors. FCT—fold change between the average expression values for ES cell cultures versus the teratocarcinoma.

*MCM5*, and *MCM7*), and E2F5—is found to be altered in the teratocarcinomas. For example, cell cycle proteins regulate multiple cell type-dependent cell cycle-regulating events, including cell cycle checkpoint enforcement and regulating exit from mitosis and normal mitotic timing (BUB1), mitotic checkpoint (MAD2L1), progression of the cell cycle (CDC25A), control of cell cycle at the G2/M (mitosis) transition (CycB1, CDK1, WEE1, and Cdc7), and cell cycle progression from G1 to S phase (DP1, MCM2, MCM3, MCM5, MCM7, and E2F5). Crosstalk of these cellular processes may be involved in the teratocarcinoma tumorigenesis. Although the exact molecular mechanism behind the development of teratocarcinoma is still not clear, our data show that several dysregulated cellular signaling pathways, especially the cell cycle pathway, are important in this malignancy.

In summary, this study of teratocarcinoma tumorigenesis has provided clues underlying the transformation of embryonic stem cells and has found that no gross cytogenetic changes occurred in this type of cancer formation. We have also presented gene expression changes specific to the transition from *in vitro* to *in vivo*.

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**Figure 7.** GenMAPP Cell cycle pathways integrating our expression data (cutoff: fold change >1.5 or < 0.75 in ES tumors versus TER tumors). Red indicates overexpressed genes in ES tumors. Blue indicates overexpressed genes in TER tumors. Grey indicates that the selection criteria were not met but the gene is represented on the array. White boxes indicate that the gene was not present on the chip. \*The gene has fold change >1.5 or <0.75 in ES tumors versus TER tumors versus TER tumors with  $P \le .05$ .

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