Size-based detection of sarcoma circulating tumor cells and cell clusters

SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIALS

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Supplementary Table 1: Clinical characteristics of patients evaluated at diagnosis

| Diagnosis | Disease Status | CTC | CTC Clusters |
|--------------------|-------------------------|-----|--------------|
| ARMS | Metasatic (bone) | 2 | 0 |
| ARMS | Localized | 446 | 28 |
| ERMS | Metastatic (peritoneum) | 26 | 3 |
| ERMS | Metastatic (lungs) | 272 | 14 |
| Ewing sarcoma | Localized | 11 | 16 |
| Ewing sarcoma | Localized | 0 | 1 |
| Ewing sarcoma | Localized | 1 | 8 |
| Ewing sarcoma | Metastatic (lungs) | 1 | 0 |
| Ewing sarcoma | Localized | 8 | 3 |
| Ewing sarcoma | Localized | 179 | 89 |
| MPNST | Localized | 248 | 38 |
| Myxoid liposarcoma | Localized | 3 | 0 |
| Chondrosarcoma | Metastatic | 0 | 0 |
| DSRCT | Widely metastatic | 0 | 0 |
| Osteosarcoma | Localized | 2 | 0 |
| Osteosarcoma | Localized | 3 | 0 |
| Synovial sarcoma | Localized | 242 | 82 |
| Synovial sarcoma | Localized | 6 | 1 |

Supplementary Table 2: Genes upregulated in ARMS CTC that are involved in cell-cell adhesion, cytoskeletal dynamics, migration, or metastasis

| Gene | Description | |
|--------|---|--|
| MDK | Secreted growth factor. ALK ligand. Promotes migration/proliferation/ angiogenesis. Implicated in RMS by Jin et al. [1] | |
| STMN1 | Destabilizes microtubules | |
| MAP1B | Associated with neurite outgrowth, membrane blebbing, and intracellular vesicular transport; Has a PAX3/FKHR binding site in the promoter [2] | |
| DST | Anchors intermediate filaments to the actin cytoskeleton; integrin binding. | |
| CALD1 | Regulates actin/myosin interactions in smooth muscle; | |
| NCAM1 | Regulates cell/cell adhesion; expressed in RMS [3] | |
| LMNA | Intermediate filament protein, component of the nuclear lamina | |
| ENAH | Role in cytoskeletal remodeling/dynamics, especially lamellipodial and filopodial dynamics in migrating cells | |
| DCX | Microtubule binding protein involved in neuronal migration; | |
| SIX1 | Required for normal development of migratory myogenic progenitor cells and promotes metastasis in a mouse model of RMS [4] | |
| STMN2 | Destabilizes microtubules | |
| NES | Intermediate filament protein; Marker of neuronal stem cells; Co-expression of Nestin and CD133 marks cancer stem cells, including in RMS [5] | |
| MAGI1 | Important for regulating cell-cell contacts; Has a PAX3/FKHR binding site in the promoter [2]; May be involved in cell invasiveness [6] | |
| EFNB2 | Transmembrane signaling protein; crucial for migration and adhesion; | |
| TTLL7 | Regulates microtubule dynamics | |
| PROX1 | Specifically implicated in metastasis [7] | |
| TPM2 | Actin-binding protein | |
| RPSA | High affinity non-integrin laminin binding protein/receptor implicated in metastasis | |
| MALAT1 | IncRNA transcriptional regulator; implicated in metastasis; | |
| TMSB10 | Actin binding protein that sequesters G actin; | |
| MYL6 | Myosin light chain 6 | |
| PFN1 | Actin binding protein regulated by extracellular signals; | |
| CFL1 | Regulates actin polymerization; found in invadopodia and lamellipodia; downstream of RhoA and ROCK | |

Supplementary Table 3: GO Analysis of Biological Processes

| Pathway Description | Count | False Discovery Rate |
|---|-------|----------------------|
| Movement of cell or subcellular component | 16 | 0.000227 |
| Protein complex subunit organization | 16 | 0.000453 |
| Response to wounding | 11 | 0.00196 |
| Translational termination | 6 | 0.00343 |
| Cell projection morphogenesis | 10 | 0.0067 |
| Cytoskeletal organization | 10 | 0.0111 |
| Actin filament-based process | 7 | 0.0196 |
| Skeletal myofibril assembly | 2 | 0.0198 |
| Muscle filament sliding | 3 | 0.0248 |

Supplementary Table 4: PCR Primers

| Primer | Sequence | |
|--------------|--------------------------------|--|
| P53 primer F | 5'-tctgtgacttgcacgtactc-3' | |
| P53 primer R | 5'-cacggatctgaagggtgaaaa-3' | |
| EWS ESBP1 | 5'- cgactagttatgatcagagcagt-3' | |
| Fli1 ESBP2 | 5'- ccgttgctctgtattcttactga-3' | |