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Data collection Prism 8, GelCount, CFX Maestro, ZEISS ZEN, JuLI Stage,

Data analysis Prism 8, GelCount, CFX Maestro, DoRothEA package v2, JuLI Stage, ZEISS ZEN, AxioVision SE64 Rel. 4.9.1, RStudio 3.5.2, Seurat 3.0.0, ggplot2 3.1.1, Picante 1.8, Rtsne 0.15, pheatmap 1.0.12, abind 1.4-5, RColorBrewer 1.1-2, Cowplot 0.9.4, Ggthemes 4.2.0, Dplyr 0.8.1, reshape2 1.4.3, Viper 1.16.0, inDrops pipeline, Python 3.7, Numpy 1.15.4, Pandas 0.23.4, Argparse 1.1, Scipy 1.1.0, Matplotlib 3.0.2, Seaborn 0.9.0, Umap 0.3.8

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Two scRNA-seq data reported in figure 2, 6 and 7, have been submitted to NCBI Gene Expression Omnibus (GEO): GSE121940 and all the data sets have been released publicly.

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Life sciences study design

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| Sample size | We performed at least 3 independent experiments and capture multiple images on multiple tissues or wells. We specified the number of cells and independent experiments in the figure legends and/or methods. Fifteen to twenty wells of Meta4 organoids per condition were used for FACS analysis. A total of 5,000 cells per group were used for clonality analysis using CRA microwell system. About 50 organoids were used for in vitro assays. A total of 50 to 100 organoids were considered from three representative images taken from three wells of each organoid line for quantitative analyses. |
| Data exclusions | We only exclude analyses if there is an obvious reason for poor data, such as dead or sick-looking organoids prior to drug treatment. |
| Replication | All attempts at replication are successful. We established 3 metaplastic and 3 dysplastic organoids lines from independent mouse stomach tissues. We performed at least 3 independent experiments and capture multiple images on multiple tissues or wells. |
| Randomization | Both male and female mice were randomly used to establish organoid lines. |
| Blinding | The mouse alleles which were used for this study are C57BL/6 wild-type or Kras-induced mice to establish metaplastic or dysplastic organoid lines. Thus, investigators were not blinded to mouse genotypes during experiments. |

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Methods

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Antibodies

Antibodies used

Anti CD44 Antigen v10-e16 mAb (Clone RM1, CD44v9), Cosmo Bio CAC-LKG-M002, 1:25,000, Rat
 Lectin from Ulex Europaeus (UEA1-lectin), Sigma L9006, 1:2,000
 CDX1 Polyclonal Antibody, Thermo Scientific PA5-23056, 1:500, Rabbit
 Anti-Sox9 Polyclonal Antibody, Millipore Ab5535, 1:1,500, Rabbit
 Alexa Fluor® 700 anti-human CD44 Antibody (Clone BJ18), Biolegend 338813, 5 µl per million cells in 100 µl staining volume, Mouse
 Alexa Fluor® 647 anti-mouse CD133 Antibody (Clone 315-2C11), Biolegend 141215, 0.5 mg/ml, Rat
 PE anti-mouse CD133 Antibody (Clone 315-2C11), Biolegend 141204, 0.2 mg/ml, Rat
 Mouse ALCAM/CD166 PE-conjugated Antibody (Polyclonal), R&D systems FAB1172P, 10 µL/10⁶ cells, Goat
 Mouse ALCAM/CD166 Fluorescein-conjugated Antibody (Polyclonal), R&D systems FAB1172F, 10 µL/10⁶ cells, Goat
 CD44 Monoclonal Antibody (8E2F3), Invitrogen MA5-15462, 1:1,000, Mouse
 CD133 (Prominin-1) Monoclonal Antibody (13A4), eBioscience 14-1331-80, 1:100, Rat
 Recombinant Anti-CD166 antibody [EPR2759(2)], Abcam ab109215, 1:250, Rabbit
 Purified anti-mouse Ki-67 Antibody (Clone 16A8), Biolegend 652402, 1:200, Rat
 Villin-1 (R814) Antibody, Cell Signaling Technology 2369, 1:300, Rabbit
 Monoclonal Anti-Vimentin antibody produced in mouse (Clone V9), Sigma-Aldrich V6630, 1:300, Mouse
 Pan-cytokeratin (polyclonal), Dako Z0622, 1:4,000, Rabbit
 Phospho-Ezrin (Thr567)/Radixin (Thr564)/Moesin (Thr558) (48G2), Cell Signaling Technology 3726, 1:300, Rabbit

Anti-Cortactin (p80/85) Antibody, clone 4F11, Millipore 05-180, 1:1,000, Mouse
 Alexa Fluor™ 647 Phalloidin, Invitrogen A22287, 1:100
 p44/42 MAPK (Erk1/2) (137F5), Cell Signaling Technology 4695, 1:1,000, Rabbit
 Phospho-p44/42 MAPK (Erk1/2) (Thr202/Tyr204) (D13.14.4E) XP®, Cell Signaling Technology 4370S, 1:2,000, Rabbit
 Monoclonal Anti-β-Actin antibody produced in mouse, Sigma A5316, 1:2,500, Mouse
 RFP Antibody Pre-adsorbed (Polyclonal, tdTOM), Rockland 600-401-379, 1:500, Rabbit
 Donkey anti-Rat IgG (H+L) Highly Cross-Adsorbed Secondary Antibody, Alexa Fluor 488, Invitrogen A-21208, 1:500
 Donkey anti-Rat IgG (H+L) Highly Cross-Adsorbed Secondary Antibody, Alexa Fluor 594, Invitrogen A-21209, 1:500
 Donkey anti-Rat IgG (H+L) Cross-Adsorbed Secondary Antibody, DyLight 680, Invitrogen SA5-10030, 1:500
 Donkey anti-Mouse IgG (H+L) Highly Cross-Adsorbed Secondary Antibody, Alexa Fluor 488, Invitrogen A-21202, 1:500
 Donkey anti-Mouse IgG (H+L) Highly Cross-Adsorbed Secondary Antibody, Alexa Fluor 555, Invitrogen A-31570, 1:500
 Donkey anti-Mouse IgG (H+L) Highly Cross-Adsorbed Secondary Antibody, Alexa Fluor 647, Invitrogen A-31571, 1:500
 Donkey anti-Rabbit IgG (H+L) Highly Cross-Adsorbed Secondary Antibody, Alexa Fluor 488, Invitrogen A-21206, 1:500
 Donkey anti-Rabbit IgG (H+L) Highly Cross-Adsorbed Secondary Antibody, Alexa Fluor 546, Invitrogen A10040, 1:500
 Donkey anti-Rabbit IgG (H+L) Highly Cross-Adsorbed Secondary Antibody, Alexa Fluor 647, Invitrogen A-31573, 1:500
 IRDye® 800CW Donkey anti-Rabbit IgG Secondary Antibody LI-COR 926-32213 1:15,000
 IRDye® 680LT Donkey anti-Mouse IgG Secondary Antibody LI-COR 926-68022 1:15,000

Validation

Anti CD44 Antigen v10-e16 mAb (Clone RM1, CD44v9), Cosmo Bio CAC-LKG-M002, <https://www.cosmobiousa.com/products/anti-cd44-v10-e16-mab-clone-rm1>
 Lectin from Ulex Europaeus (UEA1-lectin), Sigma L9006, <https://www.sigmaaldrich.com/catalog/product/sigma/l8146?lang=en®ion=US>
 CDX1 Polyclonal Antibody, Thermo Scientific PA5-23056, <https://www.thermofisher.com/antibody/product/CDX1-Antibody-Polyclonal/PA5-23056>
 Anti-Sox9 Polyclonal Antibody, Millipore Ab5535, http://www.emdmillipore.com/US/en/product/Anti-Sox9-Antibody,MM_NF-AB5535
 Alexa Fluor® 700 anti-human CD44 Antibody (Clone BJ18), Biolegend 338813, <https://www.biolegend.com/en-us/products/alexa-fluor-700-anti-human-cd44-antibody-14814>
 Alexa Fluor® 647 anti-mouse CD133 Antibody (Clone 315-2C11), Biolegend 141215, <https://www.biolegend.com/nl-nl/products/alexa-fluor-647-anti-mouse-cd133-antibody-12188>
 PE anti-mouse CD133 Antibody (Clone 315-2C11), Biolegend 141204, <https://www.biolegend.com/en-us/products/pe-anti-mouse-cd133-antibody-7066>
 Mouse ALCAM/CD166 PE-conjugated Antibody (Polyclonal), R&D systems FAB1172P, https://www.rndsystems.com/products/mouse-alcam-cd166-pe-conjugated-antibody_fab1172p
 Mouse ALCAM/CD166 Fluorescein-conjugated Antibody (Polyclonal), R&D systems FAB1172F, https://www.rndsystems.com/products/mouse-alcam-cd166-fluorescein-conjugated-antibody_fab1172f
 CD44 Monoclonal Antibody (8E2F3), Invitrogen MA5-15462, <https://www.thermofisher.com/antibody/product/CD44-Antibody-clone-8E2F3-Monoclonal/MA5-15462>
 CD133 (Prominin-1) Monoclonal Antibody (13A4), eBioscience 14-1331-80, <https://www.thermofisher.com/antibody/product/CD133-Prominin-1-Antibody-clone-13A4-Monoclonal/14-1331-82>
 Recombinant Anti-CD166 antibody [EPR2759(2)], Abcam ab109215, <https://www.abcam.com/cd166-antibody-epr27592-ab109215.html>
 Purified anti-mouse Ki-67 Antibody (Clone 16A8), Biolegend 652402, <https://www.biolegend.com/en-us/products/purified-anti-mouse-ki-67-antibody-7840>
 Villin-1 (R814) Antibody, Cell Signaling Technology 2369, <https://www.cellsignal.com/products/primary-antibodies/villin-1-r814-antibody/2369>
 Monoclonal Anti-Vimentin antibody produced in mouse (Clone V9), Sigma-Aldrich V6630, <https://www.sigmaaldrich.com/catalog/product/sigma/v6630?lang=en®ion=US>
 Pan-cytokeratin (polyclonal), Dako Z0622, <https://www.labome.com/product/Dako/Z0622.html>
 Phospho-Ezrin (Thr567)/Radixin (Thr564)/Moesin (Thr558) (48G2), Cell Signaling Technology 3726, <https://www.cellsignal.com/products/primary-antibodies/phospho-ezrin-thr567-radixin-thr564-moesin-thr558-48g2-rabbit-mab/3726>
 Anti-Cortactin (p80/85) Antibody, clone 4F11, Millipore 05-180, http://www.emdmillipore.com/US/en/product/Anti-Cortactin-p80-85-Antibody-clone-4F11,MM_NF-05-180
 Alexa Fluor™ 647 Phalloidin, Invitrogen A22287, <https://www.thermofisher.com/order/catalog/product/A22287>
 p44/42 MAPK (Erk1/2) (137F5), Cell Signaling Technology 4695, <https://www.cellsignal.com/products/primary-antibodies/p44-42-mapk-erk1-2-137f5-rabbit-mab/4695>
 Phospho-p44/42 MAPK (Erk1/2) (Thr202/Tyr204) (D13.14.4E) XP®, Cell Signaling Technology 4370S, <https://www.cellsignal.com/products/primary-antibodies/phospho-p44-42-mapk-erk1-2-thr202-tyr204-d13-14-4e-xp-rabbit-mab/4370>
 Monoclonal Anti-β-Actin antibody produced in mouse, Sigma A5316, <https://www.sigmaaldrich.com/catalog/product/sigma/a5316?lang=en®ion=US>
 RFP Antibody Pre-adsorbed (Polyclonal, tdTOM), Rockland 600-401-379, https://rockland-inc.com/store/Antibodies-to-GFP-and-Antibodies-to-RFP-600-401-379-O4L_24299.aspx
 Donkey anti-Rat IgG (H+L) Highly Cross-Adsorbed Secondary Antibody, Alexa Fluor 488, Invitrogen A-21208, <https://www.thermofisher.com/antibody/product/Donkey-anti-Rat-IgG-H-L-Highly-Cross-Adsorbed-Secondary-Antibody-Polyclonal/A-21208>
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Donkey anti-Rabbit IgG (H+L) Highly Cross-Adsorbed Secondary Antibody, Alexa Fluor 488, Invitrogen A-21206, <https://www.thermofisher.com/antibody/product/Donkey-anti-Rabbit-IgG-H-L-Highly-Cross-Adsorbed-Secondary-Antibody-Polyclonal/A-21206>

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Donkey anti-Rabbit IgG (H+L) Highly Cross-Adsorbed Secondary Antibody, Alexa Fluor 647, Invitrogen A-31573, <https://www.thermofisher.com/antibody/product/Donkey-anti-Rabbit-IgG-H-L-Highly-Cross-Adsorbed-Secondary-Antibody-Polyclonal/A-31573>

IRDye® 800CW Donkey anti-Rabbit IgG Secondary Antibody, LI-COR 926-32213, <https://www.licor.com/bio/reagents/irdye-800cw-donkey-anti-rabbit-igg-secondary-antibody>

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Eukaryotic cell lines

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| Cell line source(s) | Novel organoid lines established from mouse stomach tissues |
| Authentication | None of the cell lines were authenticated. |
| Mycoplasma contamination | All organoid lines were tested negative for mycoplasma contamination and culture media contain Mycoplasma elimination reagent. |
| Commonly misidentified lines (See ICLAC register) | None |

Animals and other organisms

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| Laboratory animals | 6-8 weeks old C57BL/6 mice. Both male and female mice were used. |
| Wild animals | This study did not involve wild animals. |
| Field-collected samples | This study did not involve samples collected from the field. |
| Ethics oversight | All mouse imaging and surgical protocols were approved by the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee of Vanderbilt University. |

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Flow Cytometry

Plots

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Methodology

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| Sample preparation | Meta4 cells were isolated from the Meta4 organoids as described in the Supplemental Methods section. |
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| Instrument | FACSAria III & LSR II flow cytometer (BD Biosciences), and Sony SH800 |
| Software | BD FACSDiva software or SH800S Cell Sorter was used for data collection and FlowJo v10 for data analysis. |
| Cell population abundance | Live cells were typically over 85% of single cells, and CD133+/CD166+ dual positive cells were typically more than 90% of live cells. CD133-/CD166- dual negative cells were typically less than 10%. CD44 was used to determine CD44- and CD44+ cells among the dual positive or negative cells. 80~95% of live cells were CD44-/CD133+/CD166+ cells, 1~3% of live cells were CD44+/CD133+/CD166+ cells, and less than 2% of live cells were CD44-/CD133-/CD166- cells. |
| Gating strategy | Using the FSC/SSC gating, debris was removed by gating on the main cell population. Positivity threshold for each sample was defined on the basis of unstained cells. Identical positivity threshold was applied to all samples and representative plots and gating are provided with every flow cytometry figure. |

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