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Software and code

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Data collection

Data for this study was collected using:

Philips Digital Pathology software
Torrent suite software v5.10.1
Leica Application Suite-Advanced Fluorescence software (v3.5.7)

Data analysis

Data for this study was analyzed using:

CellRanger v3.1.0 software (10x Genomics)
Umap-learn v0.4.6
FastQC (Available online at: <http://www.bioinformatics.babraham.ac.uk/projects/fastqc/>)
RSEM v1.3.1
STAR aligner v2.6.1d
R (R Core Team, 2020)
R package org.Hs.eg.db (Genome wide annotation for Human. R package version 3.8.2.
R package tximport v1.18.0
R package 'CMSclassifier' v1.0.0
R package ConsensusClusterPlus v1.54.0
R package "Clustertend" version 1.5
ComplexHeatMap v2.6.2
RNA seq deconvolution: Deep learning based method Scaden v0.9.4
Seurat R package version 3.2.2
SeqNext software v4.1.2 (JSI Medical Systems)

MSI Analysis System, version 1.2 (Promega)
 GenomeStudio 2.0 (Illumina)
 Graphpad Prism 9
 SPSS statistics v26 (IBM)
 DNAcopy R package (version 1.58.0)
 R2: Genomics Analysis and Visualization Platform (<http://r2.amc.nl>)

All scripts used for data analysis are available at https://github.com/vermeulenlab/peritoneal_metastasis (10.5281/zenodo.6779129)

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The sequence libraries generated in this study are publicly available through the National Center for Biotechnology Information (NCBI) Gene Expression Omnibus (GEO) under accession code: GSE183202 [<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/bioproject/?term=GSE183202>]. Single-cell karyotypes of PM samples are available from EGA, accession number EGAS00001004702 [<https://ega-archive.org/studies/EGAS00001004702>]. Shallow sequencing data of matching primary CRC and peritoneal metastasis samples are available from SRA, accession number PRJNA841870 [<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/bioproject/PRJNA841870>]. Other datasets used in this study are publicly available under accession numbers: GSE36133 [<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/bioproject/?term=GSE36133>], GSE33113 [<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/bioproject/?term=GSE33113>], EGAS00001002197 [<https://ega-archive.org/studies/EGAS00001002197>], GSE50760 [<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/bioproject/?term=GSE50760>], GSE132465 [<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/bioproject/?term=GSE132465>], GSE178318 [<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/geo/query/acc.cgi?acc=GSE178318>], SRP029880 [<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/geo/query/acc.cgi?acc=GSE50760>], <http://gdac.broadinstitute.org/> for TCGA COAD, and Synapse, syn2623706 [<https://www.synapse.org/#!Synapse:syn2623706/wiki/67246>] for the Guinney dataset or through the R2: Genomics Analysis and Visualization Platform (<http://r2.amc.nl>). The remaining data are available within the Article, Supplementary Information or Source Data file.

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Life sciences study design

All studies must disclose on these points even when the disclosure is negative.

Sample size	For patient samples, the sample size was determined by the availability of tissue samples with sufficient tumor cell content and RNA quality as described below. For in vivo experiments, sample size was determined based on previous experiments with the in vivo PM mouse model (Bastiaenen et al, Lab. Invest. 2020) using power calculations. For in vitro experiments, no sample size was predetermined, but were chosen empirically based upon preliminary experiments to achieve statistical significance.
Data exclusions	All peritoneal metastasis tissue samples with an estimated mean cancer cell content above 30% were included for isolation, only RNA samples with an RIN (RNA integrity number) > 6.7 were subjected to further analysis. No other data was excluded from analysis.
Replication	The characterization of the PM patient cohort is observatory and was not replicated in another dataset. All experimental data was reproduced by either biological replicates or independent technical replicates at least 3 times.
Randomization	For in vivo experiments, mice were randomly assigned to an experimental group. No randomization was done for allocation of patient material into groups, since we applied transcriptomic classification to subdivide the patients into groups. In vitro experiments were not randomized since the experiments were performed in well-controlled conditions.
Blinding	For all in vivo experiments, peritoneal outgrowth was scored blindly. For classification of patient material, RNA sequencing data was used and the classification is performed in an automated way. Furthermore, analysis of the patient data is descriptive and therefore blinding is not required.

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Antibodies

Antibodies used

Western blotting:
 rabbit anti-MSN (HPA011135, Sigma, 1:100)
 mouse anti-GAPDH (MAB374/6C5, Merck, 1:1000)
 HRP goat-anti-rabbit IgG (4050-05, Southern Biotech, 1:10.000)
 HRP goat-anti-mouse IgG (1031-05, Southern Biotech, 1:10.000)

Immunofluorescent imaging:
 rabbit anti-MSN (HPA011135, Sigma, 1:100)
 goat-anti-rabbit-Alexa546 (A11035, Invitrogen, 1:500)

Validation

All antibodies used in this study are commercially available, and product information is readily available at the manufacturer's website. Validation data for all used applications for the rabbit anti-MSN antibody (HPA011135, Sigma) is available at the Human Protein Atlas website (<https://www.proteinatlas.org/ENSG00000147065-MSN/antibody>). Anti-mouse GAPDH was used as a loading control for western blot. This antibody has been validated for western blot by the manufacturer and shows reactivity in human, mouse, canine, rat, rabbit, fish, feline and pig samples.

Eukaryotic cell lines

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Cell line source(s)

Cell lines T84 (ATCC), SW48 (ATCC), HT55 (ECACC), SW948 (ATCC), LS180 (ATCC), HUTU80 (ATCC), SW620 (NCI), OUMS-23 (JCRB), HCT116 (NCI), KM12 (NCI), LS411N (ATCC), SNU-C1 (ATCC), LS513 (ATCC), MDST8 (ECACC) and NCI-H716 (ATCC) were obtained from the Sanger Institute (Cambridge, UK). Original provider is indicated between brackets.

Authentication

All cell lines have been authenticated by STR Genotyping.

Mycoplasma contamination

All cell lines were checked for mycoplasma contamination on a monthly basis, all used cell lines tested negative.

Commonly misidentified lines
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This study did not made use of commonly misidentified lines.

Animals and other organisms

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Laboratory animals

A-thymic nude mice (Hsd:Athymic Nude-Fox1nu), female, 6-12 weeks old at the start of the experiment. The mice were housed on a 12h light-dark cycle at 20-26°C with 30-70% humidity.

Wild animals

The study did not involve wild animals

Field-collected samples

This study did not involve samples collected from the field.

Ethics oversight

All animal experiments were approved by the Animal Experimentation Committee at the Academic Medical Center in Amsterdam (AVD118002016493) and conducted in accordance with the national guidelines.

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Human research participants

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Population characteristics

In this study we used tumour samples from 52 patients (male and female) with peritoneal metastasis, collected at the Amsterdam University Medical Center, location VUmc between 2010-2018. Eligibility criteria for inclusion were: histologically proven colorectal carcinoma with synchronous or metachronous peritoneal metastasis, age older than 18 years and fresh

frozen tissue available. The detailed clinical and histopathological characteristics of this cohort are described in Supplementary Table 1.

Recruitment

No patients have been recruited for this study, we used available material.

Ethics oversight

Patient samples were collected according to Dutch research guidelines of the Federation of Dutch Medical Scientific Societies (FDMSS), as described in "Human Tissue and Medical Research: Code of Conduct for Responsible use". When required, patients provided informed consent for sampling additional tumor tissue for study purposes.

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