

EMT Reporter Models for Cancer Research: A Window into Invasion and Metastasis



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Agenda

- Background
 - $-\mathsf{EMT}$
 - -EMT and cancer metastasis
- MCF10A ECAD EmGFP EMT
 - -Gene editing strategy and confirmation
 - Morphology and growth for parental vs gene edited cells
 - -Function data
- Summary





Background – EMT

- The epithelial-to-mesenchymal transition (EMT) is a reversible process. Epithelial cells:
 - Reduce their intercellular adhesions and proliferative capacity
 - Gain a mesenchymal phenotype with increased migratory and invasive properties
- EMT classifications and functions:
 - Implantation, embryogenesis, and organogenesis
 - Wound healing, tissue regeneration, and organ fibrosis
 - Tumor metastasis





Epithelial cells

- Presence of cell junctions
- tight junctions
- adherens junctions (E-cadherin)
 desmosomes
- Apicobasal polarization
- Limited or absent migratory ability
- Expression of specific cytokeratins



Mesenchymal cells

- Absence of stable cell junctions
- Lack of typical apical-basolateral polarization
- Increased matrix degradation

Lee et al, International Review of Cell and Molecular Biology, 2012.



EMT and MET in cancer progression



http://murraylab.biosci ences.uom.org.au/

- The EMT process facilitates metastatic dissemination
- ATCC EMT models: MCF10A, BT-474, A549, HCT116
- ATCC MET models: PANC-1 & MDA-MB231



ATCC's EMT and MET reporter cell lines

- We have developed EMT and MET reporter cell lines for use as a platform in drug screening and to learn more about the EMT/MET pathway and how it relates to cancer progression
- In these cell lines, commonly used EMT marker genes (VIM or ECAD) are tagged with a fluorescent protein to allow real-time tracking of cellular status

Designation	ATCC [®] No.	Tissue type/disease	EMT or MET	Marker	Availability
MCF10A ECAD EmGFP	CRL-10317EMT™	Breast epithelial cells	EMT	ECAD-GFP	Available
PANC-1 ECAD EmGFP	CRL-1649MET™	Pancreatic cancer	MET	ECAD-GFP	Available
BT-474 ECAD EmGFP	HTB-20EMT™	Breast cancer	EMT	ECAD-GFP	Available
A549 VIM RFP	CCL-185EMT™	Lung cancer	EMT	VIM-RFP	Available
HCT116 VIM RFP	CCL-247EMT™	Colorectal cancer	EMT	VIM-RFP	Available
MDA-MB-231 VIM RFP	HTB-26MET™	Breast cancer	MET	VIM-RFP	Available





E-cadherin-EmGFP reporter lines

MCF10A ECAD EmGFP: breast epithelial cells



Generation of E-cadherin-EmGFP Knock-In Allele



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Knock-in verification at the genomic level





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Morphology of parental and gene edited MCF 10A cells

MCF 10A EMT



MCF 10A WT

Growth media: Same as parental



Growth rate of parental and gene edited MCF 10A



Population doubling time for MCF 10A WT = 42hrs Population doubling time for MCF 10A-EMT = 45hrs

Difference in growth=7%



MCF 10A EMT reporter cells display morphology change upon induction

- EMT (control)





+ EMT



Bio-functional Data Supporting Product: Decrease in Ecad-EmGFP expression upon EMT (2 fold)



Bio-functional Data Supporting Product: ≥ 50% increase in 2nd EMT marker (Vimentin and Fibronectin) expression upon EMT









Bio-functional Data Supporting Product:

MCF10A EMT cells show a significant increase in motility after EMT induction





MCF10A ECAD EmGFP EMT cells show a significant increase in a migration assay





Summary

- We have created a breast epithelial, MCF 10A EMT reporter cell line
- Ecadherin, an epithelial marker is tagged to GFP using CRISPR/Cas9 gene editing technology
- Verified and validated: genomic, transcriptional, and translational levels
- Characterized with in-depth induction/transition assays
- MCF 10AEMT can be used to monitor cellular status changes in real time or as a platform to study EMT

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