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ABBREVIATIONS

ActRIIB	type II Activin receptor B, also ALK4
ErbB2	also HER2 or Neu
HER2	human epidermal growth factor receptor 2, also ErbB2 or Neu
HIF-1	hypoxia induced factor - 1
LH	luteinizing hormone
MAPK	mitogen activated protein kinase
MMTV	mouse mammary tumor virus long terminal repeat
Neu	rodent form of human epidermal growth factor receptor 2 or ErbB2
NRG	neuregulin/hereregulin
PI3K	phosphatidylinositol-3-kinase
PLC- γ	phospholipase C- γ
STAT	signal transducer and activator of transcription
TGF- β	transforming growth factor- β
T β RI	transforming growth factor- β receptor I, also Alk5
T β RII	transforming growth factor- β receptor II
VEGF	vascular endothelial growth factor
WAP	whey acidic protein

Elucidating Molecular Mechanisms of ErbB2/Neu-Induced Mammary Tumorigenesis

Abstract

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The 15-30% of human breast cancers that have upregulated HER2/ErbB2/Neu are highly aggressive and resistant to traditional treatments, resulting in poor prognosis. To identify novel therapeutic targets, we derived the transcriptomes associated with tumor progression in two independent mouse models of ErbB2/Neu-induced tumorigenesis. From MMTV-*Neu* mice, we identified 324 candidate genes unique to ErbB2/Neu-induced tumors relative to wild-type mammary glands. A subset of these genes also changed expression levels in preneoplastic mammary glands, indicating a pivotal role early in ErbB2/Neu-initiated tumorigenesis.

Downregulation of several known transforming growth factor (TGF)- β target genes in the ErbB2/Neu molecular signature suggested attenuation of the TGF- β signaling cascade in these tumors. Analysis of TGF- β -Receptor-I/ALK5 by western blot and immunohistochemistry confirmed that Smad-dependent TGF- β signaling was inactive in these tumors. Although absent in most of the tumor, colocalization of phosphorylated Smad2 and Activin-Receptor-IB/ALK4 at the tumor periphery suggested functional Activin signaling at the leading edge of

these tumors. Collectively, these data indicate intrinsic TGF- β pathway suppression in ErbB2/Neu tumors via loss of TGF- β -Receptor-I/ALK5.

Recent studies have shown that pregnancy can accelerate ErbB2/Neu tumor development, inducing a susceptible cell population in MMTV-*Neu* mammary glands. The stochastic pattern of tumor development in multiparous MMTV-*Neu* mice suggests additional events are required for ErbB2/Neu oncogenesis. It remains unclear whether such events are genetic or reflective of the dynamic, pregnancy-associated hormonal control of the gland. Bitransgenic mice generated by breeding MMTV-*Neu* mice with a model of ovarian hyperstimulation developed multifocal mammary tumors in an accelerated, synchronous manner compared to virgin MMTV-*Neu* animals. This synchrony of tumor development suggests that trophic maintenance of the mammary gland provides the additional events required for tumor formation and maintains the population of cells targeted by ErbB2/Neu for transformation.

The synchronous nature of tumor development in this bitransgenic mouse model permitted characterization of a window of commitment to tumorigenesis and subsequent identification of approximately 2800 genes that demonstrate altered expression with oncogenic commitment. Thirty-two of these genes are also changed in the preneoplastic glands of MMTV-*Neu* mice, suggesting that this subset of genes may be regulated by ErbB2/Neu and/or contribute to early events of ErbB2/Neu-induced tumorigenesis.

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION, REVIEW OF THE LITERATURE, AND STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

INTRODUCTION

Despite advances in cancer therapeutics over several decades, cancer accounts for 23% of all deaths in the United States each year (National Center for Health Statistics, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 2003). Moreover, our current systemic treatments are limited by narrow therapeutic index; the dosage at which most treatment modalities are effective generally causes toxic side effects. Thus, the quest for more targeted therapies with fewer side effects is of utmost importance.

Carcinogenesis is a multistep process attributable to progressive genetic alterations that induce transformation of normal cells to malignant cancer cells. Rationally-designed therapeutics are intended to selectively inhibit the deregulation of cellular processes that is caused by these genetic alterations in tumor cells but limit toxicity to normal cells. Recent advancement of cancer treatment by targeting specific molecular abnormalities emphasizes the significance of understanding the molecular mechanisms that cause tumor formation. The antileukemic effects of Gleevec/STI571 (Imatinib, Novartis, Basel, Switzerland), which targets the BCR-ABL kinase known to cause chronic myeloid leukemia, marked one of the first successes of rationally designed drug therapy (Druker et al., 2001). Targeted brain tumor therapy has reached a level

of success never achieved with other therapies (Lesniak and Brem, 2004). Herceptin (Trastuzumab, Genentech, San Francisco, CA), humanized monoclonal antibody targeting the HER2 receptor, has become the standard treatment for metastatic HER2-positive breast cancer (Goldenberg, 1999; Shepard et al., 1991; Sliwkowski et al., 1999). The success of each of these therapeutic approaches is attributable to a fundamental understanding of the molecular mechanisms that sustain tumor viability.

Although recent advances of targeted therapies for cancer treatment are encouraging, continued research is necessary to improve our understanding of the molecular mechanisms that contribute to tumorigenesis and improve our therapeutic approaches. We are particularly interested in further elucidating the mechanisms that underlie induction of HER2 positive breast cancers since the 15-30% of breast tumors that express HER2 are highly aggressive and resistant to traditional therapies (Salomon et al., 1995; Slamon et al., 1989). Despite the standard use of Herceptin in treating metastatic breast disease (Goldenberg, 1999; Shepard et al., 1991; Sliwkowski et al., 1999), only 12-26% of patients respond to monotherapy (Baselga et al., 1996; Cobleigh et al., 1999; Vogel et al., 2002) and 49% respond with adjuvant therapy (Slamon et al., 2001). Thus it is imperative to improve our understanding of the oncogenic properties of HER2.

HER2/ErbB2/Neu in human breast cancer

The *HER2* gene, also known as *ErbB2* and *Neu*, is located on chromosome 17q12 and encodes a 185-kDA transmembrane protein that is a member of the

ErbB family of receptor tyrosine kinases (Coussens et al., 1985; Yamamoto et al., 1986). This family comprises four receptors with shared homology: epidermal growth factor (EGF) receptor (also termed ErbB1/HER1) (Ullrich et al., 1984), ErbB2/Neu/HER2 (Coussens et al., 1985), ErbB3/HER3 (Kraus et al., 1989), and ErbB4/HER4 (Plowman et al., 1993a). Each of these receptors is composed of three key regions. The extracellular ligand-binding domain with two critical cysteine-rich regions is relatively conserved despite the distinct ligand-binding properties of these receptors. ErbB2/Neu is a distinct member of this family in that it lacks any known ligand. Each ErbB receptor contains a hydrophobic membrane-spanning region and an intracellular domain with a highly conserved tyrosine kinase domain. ErbB3 is unique in lacking kinase activity due to mutations in its kinase domain. The kinase domain is flanked by a juxtamembrane domain and a carboxy-terminal tail with tyrosine autophosphorylation sites.

Although mutations within the human *HER2/ErbB2/Neu* gene in human breast cancer are rare (Lemoine et al., 1990; Slamon et al., 1989; Zoll et al., 1992), the entire gene is amplified in 15-30% of human breast cancers. The resultant overexpression of HER2 in tumor epithelium correlates with poor prognosis because of the highly aggressive and metastatic nature of these tumors and their resistance to traditional treatment paradigms (Carlomagno et al., 1996; De Placido et al., 2003; Houston et al., 1999; Revillion et al., 1998; Salomon et al., 1995; Slamon et al., 1987; Wright et al., 1992; Yu and Hung, 2000). The lack of effective treatment strategies and the fact that HER2 is only overexpressed in

cancerous cells have inspired development of rationally-designed therapeutics that specifically target ErbB2/Neu. Monoclonal antibodies against the ErbB2/Neu receptor, the murine mAb4D5 (Hudziak et al., 1989) and its humanized version, Trastuzumab (Herceptin) (Carter et al., 1992) prevent proliferation of tumor cells. This is most likely a direct effect of downregulation of ErbB2/Neu and subsequent inhibition of ErbB2/Neu-induced signaling cascades (Hudziak et al., 1989; Lane et al., 2000). While the antiproliferative and proapoptotic effect of Herceptin on HER2-positive tumor cells accounts for part of the response to this treatment, additional mechanisms are believed to be involved (Sliwkowski et al., 1999). In xenograft models, Herceptin stimulates recruitment of cytotoxic cells such as macrophages and monocytes (Clynes et al., 2000). Herceptin also prevents ectodomain shedding of the ErbB2/Neu receptor which has been suggested to cause constitutive signaling by HER2 (Molina et al., 2001)

Depending on the technique used to assess HER2 positive tumors, 12-26% of patients respond to single agent treatment with Trastuzumab/Herceptin (Baselga et al., 1996; Cobleigh et al., 1999; Vogel et al., 2002). Adjuvant therapy combining Herceptin with chemotherapeutics has proven to be more efficacious than treatment with chemotherapy alone (Esteva et al., 2002; Slamon et al., 2001), although combination with anthracyclines is discouraged due to cardiotoxicity (Tham et al., 2002). Most importantly, recent clinical studies in which breast cancer patients with early-stage, HER2 positive invasive tumors received adjuvant therapy combining Herceptin with chemotherapeutic agents reported a 52% decrease in disease recurrence than patients that received

chemotherapy alone (http://www.nsabp.pitt.edu/NCI_Herceptin_Press_Release_04252005.pdf) (2005). While these results are encouraging, many tumors are resistant to Herceptin treatment or eventually acquire resistance, necessitating the development of additional therapeutics.

Several drugs have been developed to combat resistance to Herceptin. Like Herceptin, Pertuzumab (Genentech) is an HER2-targeted monoclonal antibody, but it targets the dimerization arm of HER2, preventing formation of HER2-containing dimers (Franklin et al., 2004). Since it is currently being investigated in clinical trials, its efficacy is undetermined (Hynes and Lane, 2005). Additionally, several small molecule tyrosine-kinase inhibitors are currently in various stages of clinical trials including: Lapatinib (GlaxoSmithKline), AEE788 (Novartis), and CI-1033 (Pfizer) (Hynes and Lane, 2005). Current studies suggest that the most effective defense against HER2-overexpressing tumors requires combination therapy blocking multiple targets simultaneously.

HER2/ErbB2/Neu Signaling

The ErbB signaling network is multilayered

Signaling by the ErbB family of receptors is multilayered with overlap in downstream components (Marmor et al., 2004; Yarden, 2001; Yarden and Sliwkowski, 2001) (**Figure I-1**). Upon ligand binding to their extracellular domain, receptors dimerize and are activated by transphosphorylation. Resultant autophosphorylation of tyrosine residues in their cytoplasmic domains provide

docking sites for adaptor molecules which in turn induce a vast array of downstream signaling cascades.

There are three main levels of signaling that contribute to ErbB signaling complexity including the ligand-receptor interaction, receptor dimer formation, and adaptor protein activation of multiple intracellular signaling cascades. The first level of signaling complexity is achieved by combinatorial ligand-receptor interactions. The EGF-like peptide growth factors are synthesized as transmembrane precursors (Massague and Pandiella, 1993). As such, they can function as membrane-anchored growth factors to activate juxtacrine signaling; but, generally, they act as soluble growth factors, following proteolytic cleavage, to induce paracrine and autocrine signaling. This proteolytic cleavage and tissue- and developmental stage-specific expression determine ligand availability (Bates et al., 1988; Dickson et al., 1987; Dickson and Lippman, 1987; Harari et al., 1999; Martinez-Lacaci et al., 1995; Meyer and Birchmeier, 1995; Paria et al., 1999; Prenzel et al., 1999; Toyoda et al., 1995; Zhang et al., 1997). These growth factors share homology of an EGF-like domain that is composed of 45-55 amino acids with six cysteine residues that generate three intramolecular disulfide linkages (Salomon et al., 1995). These linkages form three loops in the secondary structure of each ligand. This EGF-like domain is both required and sufficient for interaction and activation with the ErbB family of receptors.

Distinct biochemical features of these growth factor ligands contribute to the signaling diversity of the ErbB network. The differential binding affinity of each of these growth factors for the different ErbB receptors influences signaling strength

and duration. Except for ErbB2/Neu, the other receptors in this family each selectively interact with high affinity ligands (Klapper et al., 1999). The EGF family of ligands can be divided into three main groups according to the receptor that they bind (Beerli and Hynes, 1996; Carraway, III et al., 1994; Chang et al., 1997; Elenius et al., 1997; Harari et al., 1999; Higashiyama et al., 1991; Johnson et al., 1993; Karunagaran et al., 1996; Pinkas-Kramarski et al., 1996; Plowman et al., 1993b; Riese et al., 1995; Riese et al., 1996a; Riese et al., 1996b; Riese and Stern, 1998; Shing et al., 1993; Shoyab et al., 1989; Toyoda et al., 1995; Zhang et al., 1997). The first group of ligands interacts specifically with EGFR and includes EGF, transforming growth factor- α , and amphiregulin. The second group of ligands share specificity for EGFR and ErbB4 and includes betacellulin, heparin-binding EGF, and epiregulin. The third group are neuregulins (NRG), also called heregulins and Neu differentiation factors, which can be subgrouped base on their ability to bind ErbB3 and ErbB4 (NRG1 and NRG2) or only ErbB4 (NRG3 and NRG4). Virally-encoded low affinity ligands have been shown to potentiate ErbB signaling by attenuating downregulation and degradation (Tzahar et al., 1998), and its possible that low affinity ligands may actually be more powerful signaling activators than high affinity ligands. The lack of a known ligand for ErbB2/Neu can be explained by two characteristics that were unveiled by recent structural analyses: 1) the unique arrangement of the extracellular domains blocks binding of soluble ligands and 2) alterations in the putative ligand-binding domain would most likely hinder ligand binding even if it were exposed (Garrett et al., 2003).

The bivalency of the EGF-like growth factors dictates which receptor pairs are induced, in turn determining which signaling cascades will be activated (Barbacci et al., 1995; Groenen et al., 1994; Jones et al., 1999; Katsuura and Tanaka, 1989; Lemmon et al., 1997; Tzahar et al., 1997). Bivalent ligands contain both a low and high affinity receptor binding site. For example, NRG1 has a high affinity site in the amino terminal region of the EGF-like domain and a low affinity site on the carboxy terminal region of the EGF-like domain (Barbacci et al., 1995; Jones et al., 1999; Pinkas-Kramarski et al., 1996; Tzahar et al., 1997), thus allowing NRG to induce a heterodimer of ErbB3 and another ErbB receptor.

Furthermore, the stability of each ligand-receptor pair is differentially influenced by pH. For example, a pH-resistant ligand-receptor interaction, i.e. EGF/EGFR, will target the ErbB receptor to the lysosome for degradation. In contrast, a pH-sensitive interaction, i.e. TGF- α /EGFR and NRG1/ErbB3, will dissociate in the endosome so that the receptor is recycled to the cell surface (French et al., 1995; Waterman et al., 1998). This is critical for receptor trafficking and, thus, signaling duration and strength.

A second level of signaling complexity is achieved by the induction of ErbB receptor dimers following ligand-receptor interaction. Oligomerization of the receptors induces transphosphorylation of the tyrosine residues located in the activation loop of the kinase domain, thus, enhancing the intrinsic kinase activity of each of the receptors in the complex (Carraway, III and Cantley, 1994; Goldman et al., 1990; Peles et al., 1993; van der et al., 1994; Wada et al., 1990). ErbB3 is unique in that it lacks kinase activity due to substitutions in its kinase

domain, thus it relies on interaction with other ErbB receptors to be activated (Guy et al., 1994). The ensuing autophosphorylation of tyrosine residues on the carboxy terminal tail of the ErbB receptors generates binding sites for adaptor proteins containing Src homology (SH2) and phosphotyrosine binding (PTB) domains, thus dictating which signaling pathways are activated.

Dimerization occurs in a hierarchy among the ErbB receptors, with ErbB2/Neu being the preferred partner for the other receptors (Graus-Porta et al., 1997; Tzahar et al., 1996). Recent success in deciphering the crystal structures of the ErbB receptors has provided explanations for some of these unique properties (Burgess et al., 2003; Cho et al., 2003; Garrett et al., 2003). ErbB2/Neu maintains a closed configuration that resembles the ligand-bound conformation of ErbB3 and EGFR, so ErbB2 is constitutively “poised” for interactions with the other ligand-bound ErbB receptors, providing a structural explanation as to why ErbB2/Neu is the preferred dimerization partner (Cho et al., 2003; Garrett et al., 2003).

Heterodimerization diversifies the biological response, increasing both the duration and the intensity of the signal. The simplest explanation for synergism of these receptors is that they activate complementary signaling pathways, but, actually, activation of diverse pathways potentiates the biological response. Each receptor has unique profile of adaptor proteins as determined by the pattern of phosphorylated tyrosyl residues in the carboxy terminus (Olayioye et al., 2000). For example, the ErbB3 receptor contains six p85 Src homology 2 (SH2) domain recognition sequences that serve as docking sites for the p85

subunit of PI3K; consequently, the PI3K-Akt pathway is preferentially induced when the ErbB3 receptor is activated (Soltoff et al., 1994). Accordingly, the identity of activated receptors determines which downstream signaling cascades are induced.

Induction of multiple signaling pathways by the adaptor proteins generates a third level of signaling diversification. These enzyme cascades include, but are not limited to (Olayioye et al., 2000): Ras-mitogen-activated kinase (MAPK;(Dougall et al., 1994; Olayioye et al., 2000; Yarden and Sliwkowski, 2001), the signal transducer and activator of transcription (STAT) pathways (Yu and Jove, 2004), phospholipase (PLC)- γ , phosphatidylinositol 3-kinase (PI3K)-Akt (Soltoff et al., 1994; Yarden and Sliwkowski, 2001), mammalian target of rapamycin (mTOR) (Bjornsti and Houghton, 2004), src tyrosine kinase (Ishizawa and Parsons, 2004; Olayioye et al., 1999; Olayioye et al., 2001). In the final steps, these signaling cascades regulate transcription factors that converge on the nucleus to alter the cellular transcriptome. The Ras/MAPK, STAT, PLC γ , and PI3K/Akt pathways and their key nuclear effectors are schematically represented in **Figure I-1**. Overall, a growth factor signal is relayed from the cell surface through an ErbB receptor pair to the nucleus to alter cellular processes such as cell proliferation, survival, differentiation, motility, and death (Alroy and Yarden, 1997). The cellular outcome is determined by the complement of activated signaling pathways as well as the magnitude and duration of signaling, as determined by the specificity of interactions among the signaling moieties at each level of the cascade and regulatory mechanisms integrated into each level of signaling.

Cellular trafficking regulates ErbB Signaling

The ErbB signaling network is regulated by membrane trafficking of ErbB receptors. The specific EGFR signaling effectors are determined by the cellular location of EGFR. For example, Shc and PLC- γ are preferentially phosphorylated on the cell surface; whereas, EGFR itself and the p85 subunit of PI3K are preferentially phosphorylated in the mildly acidic early endosome (Vieira et al., 1996). Furthermore, intracellular membrane trafficking of ErbB receptors regulates the strength and duration of activated ErbB signaling pathways. Under normal physiological conditions, ligand binding induces rapid clustering of EGFR into clathrin-coated pits, and, subsequently, the cell membrane invaginates to produce endocytic vesicles. These vesicles then mature to early and late endosomes with a gradual decline of pH and accumulation of hydrolytic enzymes so that, ultimately, EGFR is degraded in the lysosome. Compared to EGFR, the other ErbB receptors are endocytically impaired (Baulida et al., 1996; Pinkas-Kramarski et al., 1996). Indeed, while EGFR homodimers are targeted to the lysosome for degradation, ErbB3 is constitutively recycled to the cell surface (Waterman et al., 1998). Moreover, heterodimerization with ErbB2/Neu slows endocytosis and increases recycling of its partners (Lenferink et al., 1998). The dependency of downregulation of receptor type indicates that potency and/or efficacy of signaling is also receptor dependent.

This differential regulation of ErbB receptors is attributed to multiple mechanisms. The rate of receptor internalization is determined by cytoplasmic motifs (Sorkin et al., 1993). For example, in studies with chimeric and normal ErbB2/Neu and

EGFR, the carboxyl-terminus of ErbB2/Neu delayed internalization 3-4 fold (Sorkin et al., 1993). However, receptor sorting in the endosomes is dependent on the pH-sensitivity of the ligand-receptor interaction. If the complex is dissociated in the mildly acidic conditions of the early endosome, such as the NRG1/ErbB3 and TGF- α /EGFR complexes, then the receptor is recycled to the cell surface (French et al., 1995; Waterman et al., 1998). Alternatively, the relatively pH-insensitive complex of EGF and EGFR dissociates much later, thus continuous activation of tyrosine phosphorylation by this complex generates phosphorylation of a docking site for an ubiquitin ligase, c-Cbl (Muthuswamy et al., 1999). c-Cbl preferentially binds and attaches polyubiquitin chains to EGFR homodimers, targeting them to the lysosome for degradation (Levkowitz et al., 1998; Levkowitz et al., 1999). Conversely, avoidance of c-Cbl-mediated degradation, allows ErbB3 and ErbB2/Neu to recycle to the cell surface (Klapper et al., 2000). The distinct mechanisms involved in downregulation of each of the ErbB receptors underscore the complexity of ErbB signaling in regulating cellular processes.

A mechanistic view of ErbB2/Neu-induced oncogenesis

Breast tumor development is a multi-step process in which epithelial cells progress through many stages including normal, hyperplastic, dysplastic, and eventually malignant (Beckmann et al., 1997; Hanahan and Weinberg, 2000). This stochastic process is reflective of multiple underlying genetic alterations that ultimately allow tumor cells to acquire several key properties that drive tumor formation. These include: “self-sufficiency in growth signals, limitless replicative

ability, evading apoptosis, insensitivity to anti-growth signals, sustained angiogenesis, tissue invasion and metastasis” (Hanahan and Weinberg, 2000). Herein, we will discuss how overexpression of ErbB2/Neu allows mammary cells to acquire these oncogenic capabilities. The oncogenic potential of ErbB2/Neu is related to its overexpression. While a mutant form of ErbB2/Neu is rare in humans, amplification of the gene and resultant overexpression is well documented and correlates with poor prognosis. Overexpression of ErbB2/Neu is believed to drive spontaneous dimer formation and, consequently, potentiate signaling by constitutive kinase activation. Aberrant ErbB2/Neu signaling circumvents multiple check points that normally protect the cell from dysregulated growth, ultimately driving transformation of mammary epithelia.

Receptor dimerization drives cellular transformation

Manipulations of ErbB2/Neu in several model systems have revealed the unique transforming capabilities of ErbB2/Neu. Overexpression of normal ErbB2/Neu confers several oncogenic properties on cells including: growth factor independence (Ignatoski et al., 1999), anchorage-independent growth (Di Fiore et al., 1987; Di Marco et al., 1990; Hudziak et al., 1987), and the gold-standard of *in vitro* transformation assays, tumor formation in nude mice (Di Fiore et al., 1987; Di Marco et al., 1990; Hudziak et al., 1987). Furthermore, MMTV-*Neu* mice that express high levels of the rat form of *ErbB2/Neu* in the mammary gland under direction of the mammary gland selective MMTV promoter develop focal mammary tumors with long latency and will eventually acquire pulmonary metastases (Guy et al., 1992). The mammary tumors are estrogen-receptor

negative, solid, nodular lesions composed of intermediate cells that histologically resemble a subset of human breast tumors (Cardiff et al., 2000; Wu et al., 2002). Alternatively, a transforming ErbB2/Neu gene with a single point mutation encoding an amino acid substitution (Valine to Glutamate) was identified in carcinogen-induced neuro/glioblastomas (Bargmann et al., 1986; Schechter et al., 1984). This oncogenic form of ErbB2/Neu, hereafter referred to as *NeuT*, transforms cells in tissue culture models and in transgenic mice. Transgenic mice that harbor an MMTV-*NeuT* expression cassette rapidly develop multifocal mammary tumors and eventually acquire pulmonary metastases (Bouchard et al., 1989; Guy et al., 1996; Muller et al., 1988).

From mechanistic analyses of these models of ErbB2/Neu-induced transformation, a common hypothesis emerged: transformation of cells is associated with constitutive kinase activity of ErbB2/Neu (Bargmann and Weinberg, 1988; Di Fiore et al., 1987; Di Marco et al., 1990; Segatto et al., 1988). Constitutive kinase activity may be driven by homodimerization of ErbB2/Neu receptors and/or heterodimerization with other ErbB receptors. The oncogenic potential of ErbB2/Neu may be related to its high level of basal autophosphorylation (Lonardo et al., 1990). Accordingly, elevated expression of ErbB2/Neu could drive homodimerization and constitutive kinase activity in the absence of heterodimerization with a ligand-bound family member (Debnath et al., 2002; Di Fiore et al., 1987; Di Marco et al., 1990). This theme of spontaneous ErbB2/Neu homodimer formation is analogous to the constitutive homodimer formation of oncogenic *NeuT* (Bargmann and Weinberg, 1988;

Schechter et al., 1984; Segatto et al., 1988). Although homodimerization alone may contribute to oncogenesis, the oncogenic capacity of ErbB2/Neu is probably related to its ability to drive heterodimerization with other ErbB receptors (Siegel et al., 1999). Autocrine activation of EGFR through upregulation of its ligands has been observed in human ErbB2/Neu-positive tumors (Salomon et al., 1995). The coexpression of ErbB2/Neu and ErbB3 in tumors derived from mouse models of ErbB2/Neu-induced mammary tumorigenesis further supports a role for cooperative transformation by ErbB receptors (DiGiovanna et al., 1998).

The oncogenic capacity of ErbB2/Neu-containing heterodimers is most likely related to the diversification of signaling by heterodimers and the potentiation of signaling by the unique properties bestowed by ErbB2/Neu in a receptor pair. Heterodimers actually have stronger mitogenic potential than their homomeric counterparts. This was first recognized by the synergistic interaction of EGFR and ErbB2/Neu in the transformation of NR6 fibroblasts (Kokai et al., 1989). Several subsequent studies corroborated this potentiation of transformation by other receptor heterodimers (Alimandi et al., 1995; Cohen et al., 1996; Zhang et al., 1996).

The oncogenic capacity of heterodimers containing ErbB2/Neu may be related to the unique ability of ErbB2/Neu to potentiate signaling by evading downregulation. As the favored heterodimerization partner of the ErbB receptor family, ErbB2/Neu imparts several unique characteristics to a receptor complex. Overexpression of ErbB2/Neu enhances and extends signaling through the MAPK pathway in cells (Karunagaran et al., 1996). Normally, receptor signaling

is rapidly inactivated by several mechanisms such as dissociation of the ligand-receptor complex, dephosphorylation, rapid internalization, and lysosomal degradation. However, overexpression of ErbB2/Neu prolongs signaling by delaying each of these steps of desensitization except for receptor dephosphorylation. ErbB2/Neu attenuates ligand-receptor dissociation. This is illustrated by the increased affinity of EGF (Karunagaran et al., 1996; Wada et al., 1990) and NRGs (Karunagaran et al., 1996; Peles et al., 1993; Sliwkowski et al., 1994; Tzahar et al., 1996) for their respective receptors in the presence of ErbB2/Neu. This increased ligand-receptor affinity is dependent on the extracellular domain of ErbB2/Neu as revealed by accelerated ligand-receptor dissociation by inhibitory antibodies directed at the extracellular domain of ErbB2/Neu (Klapper et al., 1997). Furthermore, ErbB2/Neu impedes internalization and endocytosis. Studies with chimeric proteins in cell lines showed that the carboxyl-terminus of ErbB2/Neu delays receptor internalization, and consequently receptor down-regulation and degradation (Sorkin et al., 1993). While ErbB2/Neu and EGFR coexpression does not affect EGFR internalization, overexpression of ErbB2/Neu increased EGFR recycling with concomitant delay in receptor degradation (Lenferink et al., 1998; Worthylake et al., 1999). Since recycling is the default mechanism, ErbB2/Neu appears to alter EGFR lysosomal targeting. The inefficient degradation of ErbB2/Neu containing dimers is most likely due to the weak coupling between ErbB2/Neu and the ubiquitin ligase, c-Cbl (Klapper et al., 2000; Muthuswamy et al., 1999). Conversely, c-Cbl binds EGFR very efficiently and rapidly targets it to the lysosome for degradation

(Muthuswamy et al., 1999). In conclusion, the oncogenic capacity of heterodimers containing ErbB2/Neu may be related to the unique ability of ErbB2/Neu to potentiate signaling by evading downregulation.

Overexpression of ErbB2/Neu drives tumor cell proliferation

Inhibition of ErbB2/Neu by various methods has demonstrated that sustained proliferation of ErbB2-overexpressing tumor cells is dependent on the presence of functional ErbB2/Neu. These methods included: antagonistic antibodies (Lane et al., 2000; Le et al., 2003; Yakes et al., 2002), small molecule inhibitors (Barbacci et al., 2003; Moasser et al., 2001; Motoyama et al., 2002), compounds causing ErbB2/Neu degradation (Basso et al., 2002; Munster et al., 2002), single-chain antibody (scFv)-mediated retention of ErbB2/Neu in the endoplasmic reticulum (Neve et al., 2000), and retrovirus-mediated small interfering RNA (Yang et al., 2004). Several ErbB2/Neu nuclear effectors identified by these studies regulate the G1/S transition during cell cycle progression including: myc, D-type cyclins, cyclin E/cdk2 complexes, and cyclin-dependent kinase inhibitors p27KIP1 and p21Cip1/Waf1.

The D-type cyclins, which activate CDK4 and CDK6 to promote G1/S phase cell cycle progression, show decreased expression following ErbB2/Neu inhibition (Basso et al., 2002; Lane et al., 2000; Neve et al., 2000). Conversely, in cells that are transfected with oncogenic *Neu*, or also in tumors from mice that overexpress either proto-oncogenic or oncogenic *Neu*, cyclin D1 protein is upregulated (Lee et al., 2000). Apparently, ErbB2/Neu-induced MAPK activation

induces the cyclin D1 promoter through Sp1 and E2F transcription factors (Lee et al., 2000) and stabilizes the protein through threonine phosphorylation by Akt/PKB (Diehl et al., 1998). Similar to cyclin D1 induction by ErbB2/Neu overexpression, ligand-induced activation of ErbB signaling promotes cell cycle entry by upregulating D-type cyclins (Neve et al., 2000). The loss of D-type cyclins during blockade of ErbB2/Neu expression is probably due to decreased activity of mitogenic pathways and loss of Myc expression since ectopic expression of Myc increased cyclin D expression and partially overcame the G1 block by scFv expression (Neve et al., 2000).

Inhibition of ErbB2/Neu signaling also causes downregulation of PI3K/Akt signaling and, consequently, relocalization of cyclin-dependent kinase inhibitors, p27Kip and p21Cip1/Waf1. The p27Kip cyclin-dependent kinase inhibitor is cytoplasmic, or inactive, when phosphorylated by Akt/PKB on a specific threonine residue, Threonine-187 (Le et al., 2003; Liang et al., 2002; Shin et al., 2002; Viglietto et al., 2002); however, when the Akt/PKB pathway is downregulated, p27Kip1 relocates to the nucleus where it can form inhibitory complexes with cyclin-dependent kinases and block cell cycle progression. Additionally, the loss of D-type cyclins allows redistribution of p27Kip1 to CyclinE/cdk2 complexes which causes their inactivation, contributing to a G1 block (Lane et al., 2000; Lenferink et al., 2001; Moasser et al., 2001; Yakes et al., 2002). Blockade of the PI3K/PKB/Akt pathway in ErbB2/Neu-overexpressing cells cause redistribution and decreased expression of p21Cip1/Waf1 (Hermanto et al., 2001; Zhou et al., 2001a). Conversely, ErbB2/Neu activation of Akt/PKB

induces MDM2-mediated ubiquitination and degradation of the cell cycle regulator, p53 (Zhou et al., 2001b). Ultimately, the aberrant regulation of multiple G1 phase regulators by ErbB2/Neu signaling networks drives proliferation of tumor cells and contributes to the oncogenic capacity of ErbB2/Neu overexpression.

ErbB signaling promotes cell survival

The replicative response to overexpression of cell cycle regulators normally activates apoptotic check points, but cells that overexpress ErbB2/Neu seem to concomitantly drive unlimited replication and promote cell survival (Danielsen and Maihle, 2002; Evan and Vousden, 2001; Green and Evan, 2002). One of the primary ErbB signaling pathways, PI3K/PKB/Akt, directly phosphorylates and blocks the activity of several members of the apoptotic cascade such as pro-apoptotic Bad and caspase-9 (Cardone et al., 1998; Datta et al., 1997; Zha et al., 1996). Additionally, PKB/Akt phosphorylation of members of the Forkhead family of transcription factors prevents induction of several key genes for apoptosis such as FasL, BIM, and others (Brunet et al., 2001). Furthermore, PKB/Akt ultimately activates NF- κ B, which in turn induces prosurvival Bcl-X_L protein and several members of the inhibitors of apoptosis (IAP) family (Datta et al., 1999).

Overexpression of ErbB2/Neu induces multiple prosurvival mechanisms through activation of the PI3K pathway. Activation of the PKB/Akt/NF- κ B pathway renders ErbB2/Neu overexpressing tumor cells resistant to Tumor Necrosis Factor-induced apoptosis (Zhou et al., 2000). Additionally, the Muc4/sialomucin

complex, an intramembrane modulator of ErbB2/Neu promotes tumor growth by suppressing apoptosis in xenotransplanted tumors (Komatsu et al., 2001). Recent work in mammospheres, a three-dimensional cell culture model of mammary acini, has shown another route through which ErbB2/Neu circumvents apoptosis. Overexpression of ErbB2/Neu, but not EGFR, causes mammospheres to gain several characteristics of early-stage tumors including loss of proliferative suppression, an absence of lumen, retention of the basement membrane, but lack of invasive properties (Muthuswamy et al., 2001). Acinar lumen formation requires apoptosis to clear epithelial cells from its center (Debnath et al., 2002), and the lack of lumen formation concomitant with overexpression of ErbB2/Neu in these mammospheres seems to be related to suppression of Bim, a proapoptotic protein, through activation of Erk-MAPK (Reginato et al., 2005). Moreover, ErbB2/Neu overexpressing cells are resistant to chemotherapy-induced apoptosis through transcriptional upregulation of p21Cip1/Waf1 (Yu et al., 1998b; Yu et al., 1998a). In summary, overexpression of ErbB2/Neu invokes numerous anti-apoptotic mechanisms to promote cell survival and circumvent anti-apoptotic check points.

Overexpression of ErbB2/Neu activates angiogenesis

As an increased number of tumor cells accumulate, they must eventually establish new routes to sustain oxygen access and nutrition. This requires angiogenesis, or new blood vessel formation. In this regard, ErbB-induced tumors produce several factors that influence surrounding vasculature (Azuma et al., 1994; Carter et al., 2001; Goldman et al., 1993; Hirata et al., 2002; Schreiber

et al., 1986). Under hypoxic conditions in which cells are situated too distant from vasculature, activation of the tightly monitored hypoxia-inducible transcription factor (HIF)-1 stimulates expression of vascular endothelial growth factor (VEGF) and other hypoxia-inducible genes (Harris, 2002). However, HIF-1 is also induced, independently of hypoxia, by PI3K/Akt/PKB in ErbB2/Neu-overexpressing cells (Laughner et al., 2001; Li et al., 2005). Furthermore, VEGF is induced under normoxic conditions in many tumors (Berra et al., 2000). Breast cancer cell lines with constitutive activation of ErbB2/Neu have elevated VEGF expression that is potentiated by NRG1-induced MAPK signaling (Laughner et al., 2001; Xiong et al., 2001; Yen et al., 2000; Yen et al., 2002). ErbB2/Neu induction of VEGF expression is mediated by AP-2 and Sp-1 transcription factors (Finkenzeller et al., 2004; Loureiro et al., 2005; Yen et al., 2002). The significance of ErbB2/Neu-mediated signaling in regulating VEGF is evident from the concomitant modulation of VEGF expression and/or activity with functional inactivation of ErbB2/Neu (Izumi et al., 2002; Klos et al., 2003; Yang et al., 2004). The oncogenic potential of ErbB2/Neu is related to its ability to induce angiogenic factors that drive neovascularization, thus delivering oxygen and nutrients to tumor cells.

ErbB2/Neu stimulates migration and invasion

The metastatic nature of ErbB2/Neu-induced mammary tumors in MMTV-*Neu* (Guy et al., 1992) and MMTV-*NeuT* (Muller et al., 1988; Siegel et al., 1999) mice as well as human breast tumors (Allred et al., 1992; Hynes and Stern, 1994; Salomon et al., 1995; Sjogren et al., 1998; Slamon et al., 1987) suggests that

activation of ErbB2/Neu signaling pathways stimulates migration and invasion. For tumor cells to metastasize, they must acquire several properties including the ability to migrate and invade the basement membrane. Although mechanistic studies regarding the role of overexpression of ErbB2/Neu in cell migration and invasion are lacking, several of the ErbB signaling pathways, i.e. the MAPK and PI3K/Akt pathways, regulate migration (Adam et al., 1998; Adelsman et al., 1999; Spencer et al., 2000). Furthermore, cells must degrade the extracellular matrix to invade the basement membrane. In this regard, NRG1 stimulates the serine protease uPA and its receptor (Mazumdar et al., 2001) and Matrix Metalloproteinase (MMP)-9 (Xu et al., 1997) in breast cancer cells, leading to accelerated invasiveness (Xu et al., 1997). Thus, ErbB signaling networks may target extracellular membrane proteases to initiate tumor cell invasion.

ErbB2/Neu and TGF- β

Recent studies suggest that TGF- β and ErbB2/Neu cooperate to activate both migration and invasion, thus enhancing tumor progression. Since an extensive review of the TGF- β family and its signaling pathways is beyond the scope of this dissertation, herein, I will describe the significance of TGF- β as it pertains to ErbB2/Neu-induced tumorigenesis and metastasis. The reader is referred to several TGF- β reviews for more detailed information (Derynck et al., 2001; Massague, 1998; Massague, 2000; Reiss, 1999; Siegel and Massague, 2003). In the predominant signal transduction pathway, the TGF- β receptors relay information from the cell surface through Smad proteins to the nucleus to alter cellular homeostasis. The TGF- β superfamily of ligands (TGF- β , Activin, bone

morphogenetic protein, and Nodal) induces a heterotetrameric complex containing two type I and two type II membrane spanning TGF- β receptors, activating their intrinsic serine/threonine kinases (Massague, 1998; Yue and Mulder, 2001) (**Figure I-2**). Signals are transduced from the cell surface to the nucleus by activated Smad complexes. The interaction of TGF- β , Activin, or Nodal ligands with their respective receptors selectively activates the Smad2 and Smad3 receptor-activated Smads via phosphorylation. Smad2 and Smad3 then form heteromeric complexes with the common mediator-Smad, Smad4, to enable translocation to the nucleus and transcriptional regulation of numerous genes. Of these target genes, induction of inhibitory Smads, Smad6 and Smad7, serves as a negative feedback mechanism. Several non-Smad signaling mechanisms contribute to TGF- β -inducible signaling, such as those involving EGF/MAPK and Wnt/ β -catenin, adding extra layers of input and diversity of physiological output to TGF- β signaling (Derynck et al., 2001).

Physiological output from activated TGF- β signaling is cell type and context specific with potent suppression of growth and induction of apoptosis in lymphoid and normal epithelial cells (Derynck et al., 2001; Massague, 2000). In the mammary gland, the TGF- β pathway regulates normal ductal and alveolar development and remodeling during postlactational involution (Barcellos-Hoff and Ewan, 2000; Wakefield et al., 2000). This process is dependent on intimate interaction between the stromal and epithelial cell compartments. For example, in a transgenic mouse model where T β RII has been conditionally knocked out in fibroblasts, defective mammary gland development is observed with suppression

of ductal morphogenesis and terminal end bud formation (Cheng et al., 2005). Based on the role of TGF- β signaling during normal development, it is logical that dysregulated TGF- β signaling contributes to tumorigenesis.

The TGF- β pathway has a paradoxical role in mammary tumorigenesis with its activities depending on the tumor cell type and stage (Derynck et al., 2001; Reiss, 1999; Roberts and Wakefield, 2003; Tang et al., 2003). While TGF- β is growth suppressive in normal epithelium and thus acts as a tumor suppressor during early tumorigenesis (de Caestecker et al., 2000; Wakefield and Roberts, 2002; Wakefield and Sporn, 1990), it can promote invasion and metastasis later during malignant progression. Indeed, TGF- β activity is actually required for metastasis in some tumor cells (Akhurst and Derynck, 2001; Wakefield and Roberts, 2002). Until recently, the dual role of TGF- β during tumorigenesis has been inferred from studies with multiple carcinoma cell lines and various mouse models; however, the latest studies have shown both roles simultaneously within the same model of tumorigenesis.

Three recent studies have evaluated the impact of genetically manipulating the TGF- β pathway on ErbB2/Neu-induced mammary tumorigenesis in mice (Muraoka et al., 2003; Siegel et al., 2003; Yang et al., 2002) (Results summarized in **Table I-1**). These model systems are highly relevant to human breast cancers because, as mentioned above, ErbB2/Neu is overexpressed in 15-30% of human breast cancer (Slamon et al., 1987) and changes in expression of TGF- β ligands and members of its signaling pathway occurs during generalized cancer progression (Dalal et al., 1993; Gobbi et al., 1999; Gobbi et

al., 2000). All three studies reported that the TGF- β pathway promotes metastasis of ErbB2/Neu-induced mammary tumors; however, discrepancies were reported regarding primary tumor latency. Although overexpression of secreted T β RII or active TGF- β 1 had no impact on primary tumor latency (Muraoka et al., 2003; Yang et al., 2002), forced expression of constitutively active T β RI in the same cells that express ErbB2/Neu delayed tumor development (Siegel et al., 2003). Conversely, suppression of TGF- β activity by overexpression of a dominant negative form of T β RII accelerated primary tumorigenesis. Multiple studies also found that forced activation of the TGF- β signaling pathway decreases the proliferative rate of ErbB2/Neu-induced tumors (Muraoka et al., 2003; Siegel et al., 2003). Collectively, these latter studies support the notion that TGF- β acts as a tumor suppressor by blocking tumor cell growth. The tumor phenotype discrepancy among these different bitransgenic mouse models may be related to the different mechanisms utilized to alter TGF- β activity, i.e. soluble factors vs. membrane bound receptors. In the models where soluble factors were manipulated (Muraoka et al., 2003; Yang et al., 2002), the same cells did not necessarily have simultaneous overexpression of ErbB2/Neu and alteration of TGF- β activity. This is very significant considering several TGF- β cellular activities are tumor cell autonomous (Roberts and Wakefield, 2003).

Despite the variation of mammary tumor development among these models, each of these studies corroborated the metastasis promoting properties of TGF- β activity. Metastasis is multi-step process wherein the tumor cells must escape the confinement of the mammary gland structure, make their way into the

vasculature, adhere to an accommodating secondary organ such as lung or bone, and extravastate from the vasculature into the target organ. Furthermore tumor cells must amplify from a single cell to a sustainable population of cells somewhere in the process. Exactly where and when this occurs is hotly debated (Al Mehdi et al., 2000; Chambers et al., 2002; MacDonald et al., 2002; Wong et al., 2002). In the MMTV-activated-*Neu* mice the total number of metastasis was not altered by expressing an activated T β RII, yet these animals had an increased number of pulmonary metastatic lesions that extravastated from the vasculature (Siegel et al., 2003). Furthermore, expression of active TGF- β enhanced the malignancy of ErbB2/*Neu*-induced tumor cells by increasing local invasion, circulating tumor cells, and total pulmonary metastases (Muraoka et al., 2003). Conversely, expression of a soluble TGF- β antagonist decreased the incidence of ErbB2/*Neu*-induced lung metastases (Yang et al., 2002). Together, these reports support the metastasis promoting role of TGF- β during ErbB2/*Neu*-initiated mammary tumorigenesis.

Manipulation of TGF- β and ErbB2/*Neu* activation in cell culture studies with mammary epithelial cells that overexpress ErbB2/*Neu* (MCF10A/HER2) further corroborate the cooperativity of TGF- β and ErbB2/*Neu* during metastasis, revealing mechanisms for altered cell migration and invasion. In MCF10A cells that overexpress HER2, TGF- β -1 and -3 induction of cell migration required sustained activation of Erk-MAPK (Seton-Rogers et al., 2004). Furthermore, it seems that overexpression of ErbB2/*Neu* is actually required to “unmask” TGF- β -induced cell migration (Ueda et al., 2004). In this same mammary epithelial cell

line, MCF10A/HER2, TGF- β treatment enhanced cell motility, FAK phosphorylation, F-actin assembly, and focal adhesion formation and inhibited RhoA activity (Wang et al., 2005). These responses were dependent on receptor type protein tyrosine phosphatase kappa expression (Wang et al., 2005). This recent flurry of research surrounding the cooperativity of TGF- β and ErbB2/Neu during mammary tumor development and progression reflects the significance of these pathways and their interplay in cancer biology.

ErbB2/Neu and Activin

In contrast to the studies examining the relationship of TGF- β and ErbB2/Neu, there have been no reports of the interplay between ErbB2/Neu and Activin, another member of the TGF- β superfamily of ligands. However, recent data from our laboratory suggests a role for Activin signaling during ErbB2/Neu-induced mammary tumor development and progression. Activins are dimers of β A or β B subunits, existing as homodimers Activin A (β A β A) and Activin B (β B β B) or heterodimer AB (β A β B). Activins bind a heteromeric complex of a type I Activin (ActRI and ActRIB) and a type II Activin receptor (ActRIIA & ActRIIB), each of which contain a characteristic cytoplasmic serine/threonine kinase domain (Cameron et al., 1994; Mathews and Vale, 1993; Phillips, 2000). The Activin-binding protein, follistatin, regulates Activin activity by inhibiting Activin interaction with its receptor (Phillips and de Kretser, 1998). Like the TGF- β receptors, Activin receptors relay signals from the cell surface through Smad-2 and -3 to

1991; Welt and Crowley, Jr., 1998). Recent evaluation of expression of Activins, Activin receptors, and Smads in human breast specimens showed that these components are expressed in normal tissue and early stage cancer but suppressed in high-grade cancer, suggesting downregulation of the Activin signaling pathway is significant for tumor progression. Deciphering the role of Activin signaling in breast cancer may unveil new mechanisms of tumorigenic progression.

Hormonal modulation of ErbB2/Neu-induced tumorigenesis

Although it is well established that pregnancy and lactation provide long-term protection against breast cancer, epidemiological studies also indicate that risk for this disease is transiently elevated with parity (Kelsey et al., 1993; Lambe et al., 1994; Robertson et al., 1997). Indeed, there is a 15-year period of increased risk post-pregnancy that peaks 5 years after parturition in uniparous women and 3 years after delivery in biparous women compared to nulliparous women (Liu et al., 2002). This increased parity-associated risk suggests that the hormones that are elevated during pregnancy can adversely affect the mammary gland, possibly promoting growth of cells that have already undergone malignant transformation. Alternatively, epidemiological studies suggest that the hormonal milieu of the mammary gland during pregnancy and lactation promotes acquisition of a cell population that is particularly susceptible to transformation by HER2. HER2 expression is associated with increased parity-induced risk of breast cancer in women (Reed et al., 2003), and women that have been pregnant and have breastfed have a 4.2-fold increased risk in developing HER2 positive breast

alter transcription of target genes in the nucleus, ultimately regulating cellular processes.

Activins have many physiological roles including regulation of cell growth and differentiation in various cell types (Ball and Risbridger, 2001; Matzuk et al., 1995). Despite several reports of Activin and Activin receptor expression in the mammary gland (Reis et al., 2004), information regarding their biological role in the mammary gland is limited. Adult female mice with β B Activin subunit deletion have limited ductal growth and alveolar differentiation, revealing a critical role for Activin in these processes and lack of functional redundancy with the β A subunit (Robinson and Hennighausen, 1997). Ex vivo studies have revealed that Activin A inhibits proliferation in isolated rat acini and final pregnancy-associated differentiation (Bussmann et al., 2004).

Activin A also blocks proliferation of breast cancer cell lines (Cocolakis et al., 2001; Kalkhoven et al., 1995; Liu et al., 1996). For this growth suppressive activity, ActRIB is required (de Winter et al., 1997), and signaling is mediated by the Smad proteins with concomitant activation of the p38-MAPK pathway and phosphorylation of the transcription factor AF2 (Cocolakis et al., 2001). These growth suppressive properties imply a potential tumor suppressor role for Activin, but, currently, biological evidence for such a role is lacking. Based on the peritumoral breast tissue-induction of immune responses and the modulation of cell-mediated immunity by Activin, Activin may also have an immunomodulatory role in breast cancer (de Kretser et al., 1999; Keelan et al., 2000; Petraglia et al.,

cancers than those that did not breastfeed (Treurniet et al., 1992). The mechanisms responsible for the increased risk of developing HER2-positive breast cancer following pregnancy remain to be elucidated.

A recent report by Wagner and colleagues (Henry et al., 2004) suggested that induction of susceptible mammary epithelial cells during pregnancy and retention of these cells following involution may account for the parity-associated acceleration of ErbB2/Neu mammary tumorigenesis. This study involved the use of the MMTV-*Neu* mouse model of ErbB2/Neu-induced breast cancer, which overexpresses the proto-oncogenic form of rat ErbB2. While pregnancy accelerates mammary tumorigenesis in MMTV-*Neu* mice compared to their nonparous littermates, tumor development remains stochastic in nature (Anisimov et al., 2003; Guy et al., 1992; Henry et al., 2004). MMTV-*Neu* tumor incidence, or multiplicity, was unaltered by a single pregnancy but increased in biparous mice and decreased by ovariectomy at 8 weeks of age (Anisimov et al., 2003). Furthermore, manipulation of hormonal milieu in various models of ErbB2/Neu overexpression further illustrates the collaborative efforts of ErbB2/Neu and hormones in the mammary gland. In mice that express *Neu* or *NeuT* under direction of a fragment of the endogenous Neu promoter (*Neu-Neu* mice), parity enhanced the proliferative mammary gland phenotype, causing incomplete regression after cessation of lactation (Weinstein et al., 2000). Furthermore, hormonal modulation, including elevated prolactin levels and lower glucocorticoid levels, promoted carcinogenesis mediated by virally-transduced *NeuT* in rats further supporting hormonal influence on ErbB2/Neu tumorigenesis

(Tai and Gould, 1995). Conversely, ovariectomy reduced ErbB2/Neu-initiated tumor occurrence on both rats and mice (Hewitt et al., 2002; Wang et al., 1992). Collectively, these data suggest that hormonal environment influences ErbB2/Neu activity in the mammary gland independent of the hormonally regulated MMTV promoter.

Estrogen has specifically been implicated in hormonal modulation of ErbB2/Neu carcinogenesis by manipulation of its activities in ErbB2/Neu-overexpressing mice (Hewitt et al., 2002) (Menard et al., 2000) (Yang et al., 2003). Exogenous estradiol exposure enhanced MMTV-Neu-induced tumorigenesis, with treatment during the reproductive period at 8 to 18 weeks of age being the most detrimental (Yang et al., 2003). In contrast, treatment with Tamoxifen, an estrogen antagonist in the breast, prior to tumor appearance reduces ErbB2/Neu tumorigenicity (Hewitt et al., 2002; Yang et al., 2003). In addition, genetically removing the estrogen receptor delays ErbB2/Neu-induced tumors (Hewitt et al., 2002). Collectively, these studies reflect the significance of hormonal modulation of ErbB2/Neu mammary tumorigenesis.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The purpose of this thesis was to further elucidate the mechanisms of ErbB2/Neu-induced oncogenesis. Since overexpression of ErbB2/Neu occurs in 15-30% of human breast cancers, we utilized the MMTV-*Neu* mouse model in which overexpression of ErbB2/Neu drives mammary tumor development with long latency for these studies. The stochastic nature of tumorigenesis in this mouse model suggests that additional molecular events, above and beyond the overexpression of ErbB2/Neu, are required to progress to tumor formation. To identify these events we approached the question from two alternate directions. First to identify early molecular events of tumorigenesis, we evaluated the changes within the mammary gland transcriptome as glands progress from preneoplastic to overt tumors. Second, we manipulated the hormonal milieu of the mammary gland to determine whether this would provide the additional “hits” required to cause tumorigenesis. By Affymetrix microarray analysis, we first derived an ErbB2/Neu tumor molecular signature (**Chapter II**). The downregulation of several TGF- β -inducible target genes within the ErbB2/Neu tumor signature suggested that TGF- β activity is suppressed in ErbB2/Neu tumors; hence, we characterized the expression of several members of the TGF- β superfamily of signaling proteins in ErbB2/Neu tumors (**Chapter II**) and revealed a potential role for Activin in tumorigenic progression. Then we identified a subset of the ErbB2/Neu tumor profile genes (n=82) that are altered in preneoplastic ErbB2/Neu-overexpressing mammary glands (**Chapter II**). To determine whether altered hormonal milieu of the mammary gland promotes

tumor development, we generated a bitransgenic mouse model of ErbB2/Neu-induced tumorigenesis by breeding ovarian hormone overexpressing mice with MMTV-*Neu* mice and assessed tumor latency (**Chapter III**). The synchronous appearance of tumor in the mice permitted identification of a window of commitment to tumorigenesis and subsequent identification of genes that are altered with commitment to tumorigenesis (**Chapter III**). Collectively, these studies have provided focus for future efforts examining the oncogenic mechanisms underlying ErbB2/Neu induction of mammary tumors (**Chapter IV**).

Figure I-1. ErbB receptors activate multiple signaling pathways. [From (Marmor et al., 2004; Yarden, 2001; Yarden and Sliwkowski, 2001) with permission] EGF-like growth factor ligands induce hetero- or homodimerization of ErbB receptors, causing activation of their intrinsic kinase domains. ErbB2 and ErbB3 have distinct properties. ErbB2/Neu lacks any known ligand, whereas ErbB3 lacks kinase activity. Phosphorylated moieties serve as docking sites for adaptor proteins of multiple signaling pathways including, but not limited to, the Ras/MAPK, STATs, PLC- γ and the PI3K pathways. Signals eventually converge on the nucleus where nuclear effectors alter transcription of target genes.

Figure I-1

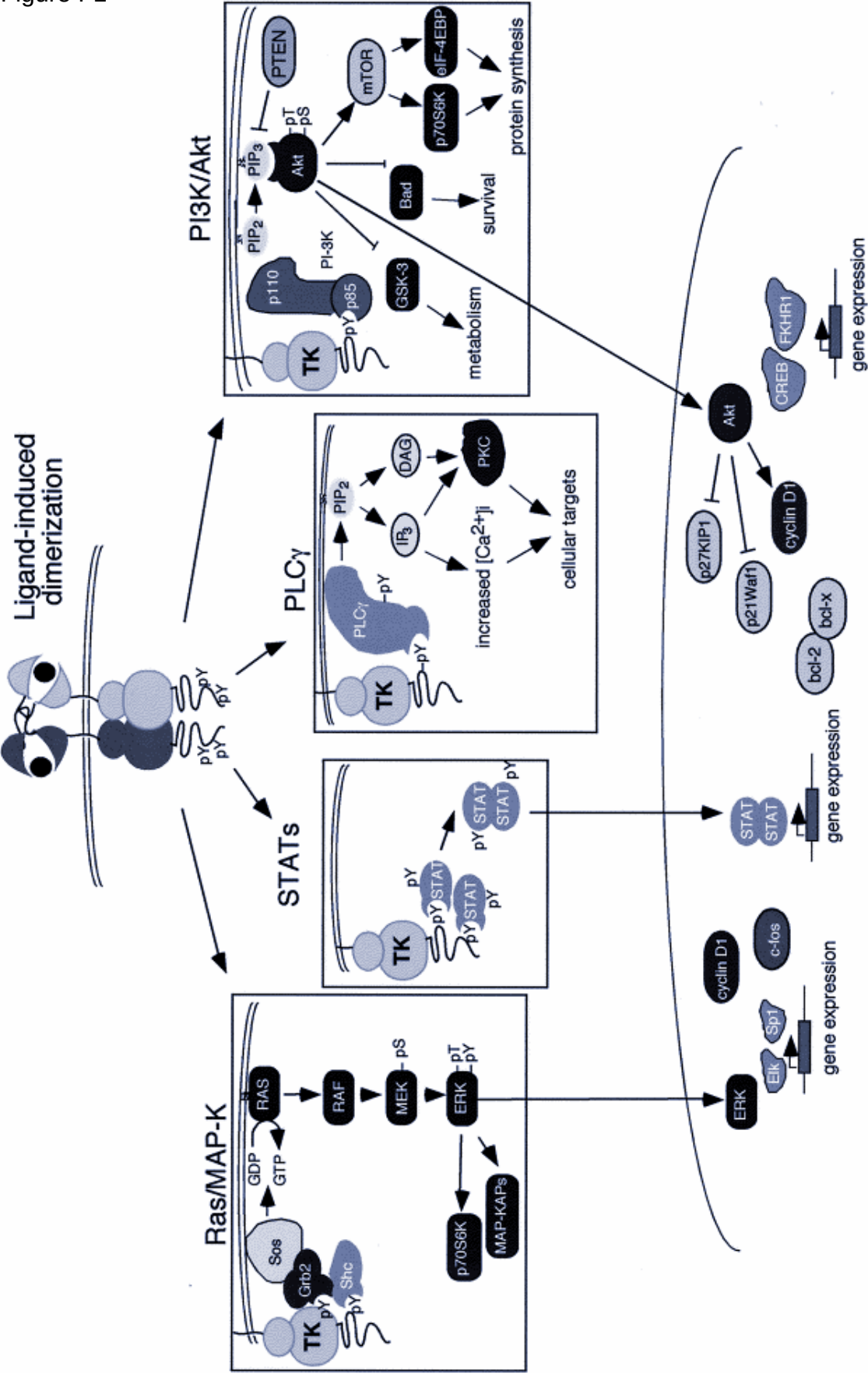


Figure I-2. TGF- β receptors relay signals from the cell surface through Smad proteins to alter transcription of target genes. Ligand binding induces a complex of type I and type II TGF- β receptors and activates their intrinsic threonine/serine kinase domains. Activated T β RI in turn activates Smads-2 and -3 which form a heteromeric complex with Smad4 to translocate to the nucleus. In the nucleus, Smad proteins interact with other transcription factors to alter expression of multiple target genes.

Figure I-2

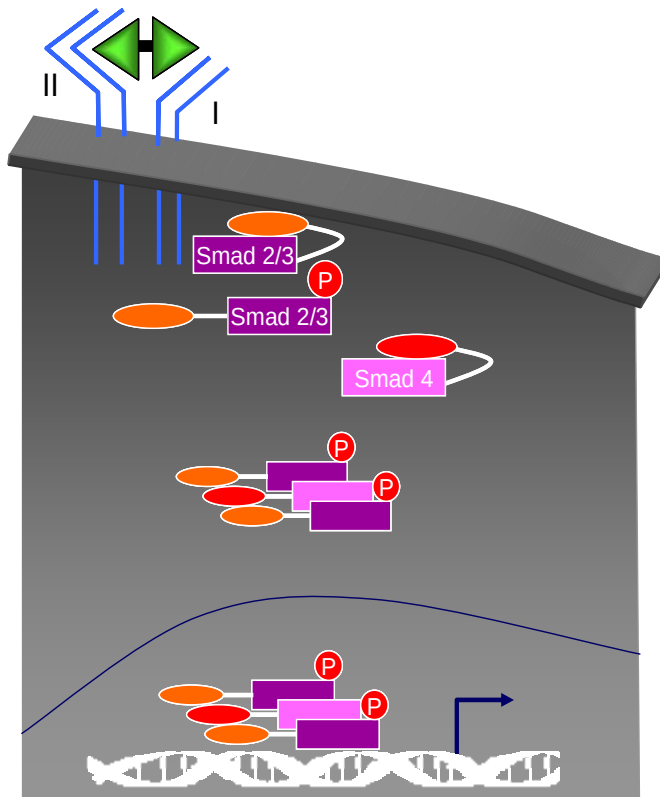


Table I-1

TGF- β	ErbB2	Primary mammary tumor onset	Invasive potential
MMTV-SR2F TGF- β antagonist (Yang <i>et al.</i> , 2002)	MMTV- <i>Neu</i>	No change	decreased
MMTV-TGF- β 1 Constitutively Active (Muraoka <i>et al.</i> 2003)	MMTV- <i>Neu</i>	No change, decreased proliferative ability	increased
MMTV-DN-T β RI (Siegel <i>et al.</i> , 2003)	MMTV- <i>NeuT</i> (YB)	accelerated	decreased
MMTV-CA T β RI (Siegel <i>et al.</i> , 2003)	MMTV- <i>NeuT</i> (YB)	delayed	No change

CHAPTER II

GENE EXPRESSION PROFILING OF CANCER PROGRESSION REVEALS INTRINSIC REGULATION OF TRANSFORMING GROWTH FACTOR-B SIGNALING IN ERBB2/NEU-INDUCED TUMORS FROM TRANSGENIC MICE

(Landis et al., 2005)

INTRODUCTION

Activation of the ErbB family of growth factor receptors and subsequent stimulation of their associated intracellular signaling pathways is a significant factor in the genesis of several human cancers (Salomon et al., 1995). Amplification of the *ErbB2* (hereafter referred to as *ErbB2/Neu*) gene and consequent protein overexpression occurs in 15-30% of primary human breast tumors (Salomon et al., 1995; Slamon et al., 1989). This overexpression is strongly associated with poor prognosis (Salomon et al., 1995), as well as resistance to endocrine and conventional chemotherapy (Wright et al., 1992). The oncogenic potential of ErbB2/Neu has been confirmed in the mammary epithelia of transgenic mice (Bouchard et al., 1989; Guy et al., 1992; Guy et al., 1996; Muller et al., 1988). Mice bearing the rat *c-neu* proto-oncogene under transcriptional control of the mouse mammary tumor virus (MMTV) promoter/enhancer (hereafter referred to as MMTV-*Neu* mice) stochastically develop focal mammary tumors and pulmonary metastases after a long latency (Guy et al., 1992). This mouse model serves as an excellent tool for deciphering the molecular pathways responsible for ErbB2/Neu-induced tumorigenesis and

identifying novel targets for both chemoprevention and chemotherapy (Boggio et al., 1998; Bulavin et al., 2004; Lenferink et al., 2000; Li et al., 1997; Shepherd et al., 2001; Yu et al., 2001).

The *ErbB2/Neu* gene is located on human chromosome 17q12 and encodes a 185-kDa member of the ErbB family of cell surface receptor tyrosine kinases (Yamamoto et al., 1986). This family of growth factor receptors is comprised of four members: epidermal growth factor receptor (also termed ErbB1/HER1), ErbB2/Neu/HER2/p185, ErbB3/HER3, and ErbB4/HER4 (Hynes and Stern, 1994). Although ErbB2/Neu is an orphan receptor with no high affinity ligand (Holbro et al., 2003), it is the preferred heterodimerization partner of the other ligand-activated family members (Graus-Porta et al., 1997; Tzahar et al., 1996). Consequent to ligand-induced formation of receptor heterodimers, each receptor subunit is activated by transphosphorylation. These phosphorylated residues serve as docking sites for a host of intracellular signaling molecules. Ultimately, these diverse signaling cascades converge on the nucleus to alter the cellular transcriptome, and the transcriptional targets of receptor activation mediate many of the physiological changes manifested by these receptors. These changes include regulation of cell growth, differentiation, motility, and death (Alroy and Yarden, 1997). As such, deregulation of any component of the pathway such as the ErbB ligands, cell surface receptors, signaling molecules, or transcriptional targets has profound implications for both normal development and malignant transformation of multiple tissues.

Development of breast cancer is a multistep process, beginning with a benign stage and progressing through intermediate stages marked by hyperproliferation of breast epithelium and ultimately resulting in invasive carcinomas (Krishnamurthy and Sneige, 2002; Wellings and Jensen, 1973). Although partial transcriptomes have been developed for ErbB2/Neu tumors, these have been limited to simple association of the gene expression profile to a specific tumor type without assessment of preneoplastic changes associated with ErbB2/Neu expression. In contrast, characterizing the early events of ErbB2/Neu-induced tumorigenesis should provide insight into the molecular mechanisms of tumorigenesis. To identify progressive changes in the transcriptome that occur during the transition from normal mammary gland to an overt ErbB2/Neu-initiated tumor, the partial transcriptomes of preneoplastic mammary glands and tumors from MMTV-*Neu* mice were compared to the partial transcriptomes of glands from wild-type mice using the Affymetrix U74Av2 GeneChip arrays. Analysis of these data revealed a subset of genes that were altered in expression during the progression from preneoplastic mammary gland to overt tumors.

In addition to identifying a transcriptional profile associated with neoplastic progression, we found that several genes downregulated in ErbB2/Neu-induced tumors were known targets of the transforming growth factor (TGF)- β signaling pathway. This suggested that the TGF- β pathway might be suppressed in ErbB2/Neu-induced mammary tumors. Normally, the TGF- β signaling pathway is activated when a member of the TGF- β superfamily of ligands (TGF- β , Activin, bone morphogenetic protein, Nodal) induces formation of a heterotetrameric

complex of two type II TGF- β -serine/threonine receptors (T β R-II) and two type I TGF- β -serine/threonine receptors (T β R-I) (Massague, 1998; Yue and Mulder, 2001). Signals are transduced from the cell surface to the nucleus by activated Smad complexes. In the canonical signaling pathway, the binding of TGF- β , Activin, or Nodal ligands to their selective receptors specifically activates the Smad2 and Smad3 receptor-activated Smads via phosphorylation. Smad2 and Smad3 then form heteromeric complexes with the common mediator-Smad, Smad4, to enable translocation to the nucleus and transcriptional regulation of numerous genes. Induction of expression of the inhibitory Smads, Smad6 and Smad7, serves as a negative feedback mechanism. In the mammary gland, the TGF- β pathway regulates normal ductal and alveolar development and remodeling during postlactational involution (Barcellos-Hoff and Ewan, 2000; Wakefield et al., 2000). The TGF- β pathway also has a paradoxical role in mammary tumorigenesis (Derynck et al., 2001; Reiss, 1999; Roberts and Wakefield, 2003; Tang et al., 2003). While TGF- β is growth suppressive during early tumorigenesis, it can promote malignancy and metastasis later during tumorigenic progression. Thus, evaluating the role of TGF- β during ErbB2/Neu tumorigenesis should yield significant insight into the processes of ErbB2/Neu tumor initiation and progression.

RESULTS

Identification of an ErbB2/Neu mammary tumor molecular signature

No previous studies have examined early changes in mammary tissues that ultimately accumulate ErbB2/Neu-initiated tumors. To identify early changes associated with ErbB2/Neu expression, we utilized the MMTV-*Neu* mouse model of mammary cancer (Guy et al., 1992). We evaluated three different mammary tissues: wild-type, preneoplastic tissue that expresses ErbB2/Neu, and ErbB2/Neu-induced tumors. The latter two were collected from the same mice. The tissue dissection is illustrated in **Figure II-1A**. To ensure the distinction between tumor and preneoplastic tissue, the tissue immediately bordering the tumor was discarded while the tumor and more distal surrounding mammary tissue (hereafter referred to as adjacent ErbB2/Neu) were used in comparative analysis of gene expression profiles. We anticipated that the mammary gland tissue surrounding ErbB2/Neu-induced tumors would express the *ErbB2/Neu* transgene and be preneoplastic but not contain an overt tumor. Northern blot analysis confirmed that the MMTV-*Neu* transgene was indeed expressed in the adjacent ErbB2/Neu mammary glands (**Figure II-1B**).

Each of the three tissue types described above were analyzed by gene expression profiling. To obtain a representative average of wild-type gene expression for baseline comparisons, RNA was isolated from 15 age-matched wild-type control mammary glands and then pooled into 3 groups of 5 samples, thus minimizing contributions due to inter-individual variation. All samples

including pooled, wild-type controls (n=3), adjacent ErbB2/Neu glands (n=4), and ErbB2/Neu tumors (n=5) were analyzed by Affymetrix U74Av2 microarrays containing 12,448 probe sets for known genes and ESTs. A subtractive approach was used to identify differentially expressed transcriptional targets in ErbB2/Neu tumors compared to wild-type tissue. Using Affymetrix Microarray Suite, data from each ErbB2/Neu tumor microarray analysis (n=5) were compared to the data collected from each pooled wild-type sample (n=3) resulting in 15 total comparisons (5 tumors $\times$ 3 wild-type) (**Figure II-1C**). Transcripts that were called “not changed” in any comparison by the Affymetrix algorithm were eliminated from the gene list. The intersection of these 15 lists contained 821 genes. This list was further reduced to 818 genes by removing any genes that were called “absent” in all analyses. The small reduction of genes by this second filter suggests that the first filtering step was sufficiently stringent to remove most genes whose expression remained unchanged when comparing tumors to wild-type samples. This list of 818 genes represents the global gene expression profile of ErbB2/Neu-induced tumors when compared to wild-type glands after interrogating the 12,488 gene set from Affymetrix and is displayed in **Table II-1**.

A subset of genes was further delineated by additional statistical analyses. First, we applied the Welch’s T-test with the Benjamini and Hochberg Multiple Testing Correction (False Discovery Rate of 5%) to all 12,448 probe sets represented on the microarrays. Comparison of the 5 tumors to 3 wild-type control samples resulted in the identification of 829 transcripts that had statistically different levels

of expression in ErbB2/Neu tumor tissue compared to wild-type controls. We next evaluated the overlap in the 2 sets of genes identified by the Affymetrix algorithm (818 genes) or using the multiple testing correction (829 genes). Three-hundred and twenty-four genes were independently retained by both analytical approaches, thus delineating a filtered subset of transcripts with statistically significant alterations of gene expression (**Figure II-1D**; **Table II-2**). Genes with a p-value <0.01 are shown in **Table II-3**. At this level of significance, 23 genes were increased in tumors while 42 genes were decreased. To determine the reproducibility of the gene expression data, we analyzed two additional independent tumors by microarray analysis and found high repeatability (93% confirmed in both tumors) as indicated by the “repeated observation” column in the data tables. To further assess the accuracy of the microarray data through an independent approach, we analyzed 87 of the 324 genes that were included in the filtered gene expression profile by real time RT-PCR. This analysis involved comparisons between three additional tumors as well as 3 more wild-type control samples. The direction of alteration of gene expression (increased/decreased) in tumors compared to three wild-type controls was confirmed for 73 of the 87 genes (88%). Only three genes (3%) were changed in opposite directions when comparing the microarray and real time RT-PCR data. Overall, the data generated by real time RT-PCR provided independent confirmation of the microarray results, suggesting that the method of analysis employed for evaluating the microarray data was sufficiently stringent to

identify characteristic changes associated with ErbB2/Neu-induced mammary tumors.

We considered the possibility that a number of genes in the global tumor profile may be altered due to changes in cellularity when comparing tumors to wild-type tissue. To address this issue, we analyzed the expression changes for cytokeratins 8 and 18, both of which are epithelial cell markers. These genes were upregulated in tumors by 1.8 +/- 0.8 fold. Thus, any changes in gene expression that are less than 3.4 (the median fold change + two standard deviations), may be due to changes in cellular content. Genes that fail to surpass this cut-off are denoted within the tables.

The adjacent ErbB2/Neu tissue has preneoplastic characteristics

Once we had characterized the molecular profile associated with ErbB2/Neu-induced mammary tumors, we turned our focus to identifying gene expression changes that occur early in the tumorigenic cascade. Mammary gland tissue surrounding the ErbB2/Neu tumors was used for this analysis. Several lines of evidence suggested that this tissue expresses the *ErbB2/Neu* transgene, exhibits active ErbB2/Neu signaling, and is preneoplastic. Histological examination of the mammary gland surrounding ErbB2/Neu-induced tumors demonstrated modest focal hyperplasia and distended ducts as reported previously (Boggio et al., 1998) (**Figure II-2A**). Furthermore, immunohistochemical analysis of independent samples for phosphorylated ErbB2/Neu (Tyr-877) demonstrated activation of ErbB2/Neu signaling in adjacent ErbB2/Neu mammary tissue,

whereas wild-type tissue lacked phospho-ErbB2/Neu immunoreactivity (**Figure II-2B**). To determine whether this tissue harbored early transcriptional changes induced by active ErbB2/Neu signaling, the microarray data was inspected for known ErbB2/Neu targets. Ets variant 1 (ER81), Cyclin D1, and LIM Only-4 (LMO4) genes have previously been reported to be upregulated in ErbB2/Neu-induced mammary tumors or cell lines with activated ErbB2/Neu signaling (Lee et al., 2000; Shepherd et al., 2001; Wang et al., 2004). These genes appeared in the global ErbB2/Neu tumor molecular signature and were also upregulated in the adjacent ErbB2/Neu samples (**Table II-1; Figure II-2C**). Furthermore, three previously characterized ErbB2/Neu tumor markers (FX3D3, WDNM1/EXPI, casein-κ) (Morrison and Leder, 1994) were elevated in the adjacent ErbB2/Neu samples as well as in tumors (**Figure II-2C**). Confirmation of active ErbB2/Neu signaling and expression of known tumor markers in combination with the gross appearance and histological morphology of the adjacent ErbB2/Neu mammary tissue indicates that this tissue is indeed preneoplastic and, therefore, should be useful in identifying changes in gene expression associated with early carcinogenic mechanisms.

The molecular profile of the adjacent ErbB2/Neu tissue is intermediate between the profiles of tumors and control mammary tissues

To determine whether subgroups of tissue types could be identified independently based solely on their gene expression profiles, hierarchical clustering analysis (Eisen et al., 1998) was applied to the entire set of transcripts (7976 genes) that were called “present” or “marginal” on at least one of the

arrays from the three different tissue types [wild-type, adjacent ErbB2/Neu, and tumor (**Figure II-3A**)]. As expected, all tumor samples appeared on separate branches of the dendrogram from wild-type samples with one tumor appearing to be an extreme outlier of the tumor classification. Importantly, placement on the dendrogram did not correlate with somatic mutation of the transgene. Siegel et al. (Siegel et al., 1994) previously identified activating somatic deletion mutations of the *Neu* expression cassette in mammary tumors from MMTV-*Neu* mice. Although previously described as occurring in 65% of tumors in these mice, we found that only one of the seven tumors that were evaluated by the microarray analysis contained a somatic mutation of the transgene (data not shown), and this tumor is the center tumor in the dendrogram. In addition to segregating tumors from wild-type molecular signatures, this analysis revealed that the profiles from two of the adjacent ErbB2/Neu samples were more similar to the wild-type molecular profiles, whereas the other two adjacent ErbB2/Neu samples were more similar to the ErbB2/Neu tumors as indicated by their placement on the dendrogram. Hence, the adjacent ErbB2/Neu molecular profiles were intermediate between the wild-type and ErbB2/Neu tumor molecular profiles, supporting the concept that these samples and their molecular profiles reflect intermediate stages of tumorigenic progression.

Self-organizing Map (SOM) analysis reveals progressive alterations of gene expression that correlate with tumorigenic stage

Given the placement of tissue types on the hierarchical tree, we suspected that subsets of genes expressed in adjacent ErbB2/Neu samples would display

intermediate behavior between wild-type glands and tumors. To assess this directly, we used self-organizing maps (SOM) (Tamayo et al., 1999) to classify the 324 significantly altered genes (i.e. filtered tumor signature) into descriptive patterns of expression. Using the Affymetrix Data Mining Tool, we empirically determined that four nodes generated informative, non-redundant, SOM clusters. SOM cluster 1 (**Figure III-3B; Tables III-1, III-2 and III-3**) contains transcripts that are more highly expressed in wild-type and adjacent ErbB2/Neu mammary glands than in the ErbB2/Neu-induced tumors. SOM clusters 2, 3, and 4 (**Figure III-3B**) reveal progressive patterns in which the expression level of genes in the adjacent ErbB2/Neu samples was intermediate between the wild-type samples and the ErbB2/Neu tumors, thus correlating with *ErbB2/Neu* transgene expression and neoplastic progression. We considered the possibility that the progressive nature of the changes of gene expression in the preneoplastic tissue was reflective of an experimental artifact due to contaminating tumor tissue in the adjacent ErbB2/Neu samples. The data in clusters 2 and 3 argue against this possibility. Expression of numerous genes in cluster 2 is high in tumors, yet the expression of many of these same genes is unchanged in the adjacent ErbB2/Neu tissues. Likewise, low expression of genes in tumors in cluster 3 should not significantly reduce expression in adjacent ErbB2/Neu tissues; however, these genes are indeed downregulated in adjacent ErbB2/Neu samples compared to wild-type controls. Neither of these clusters can be explained by minor tumor contaminants in adjacent ErbB2/Neu samples. Furthermore, we identified genes that were exclusively altered in expression in the adjacent

ErbB2/Neu samples compared to both wild-type and tumors, thus confirming the unique nature of these tissue specimens (data not shown).

To further delineate the transcriptome alterations associated with ErbB2/Neu neoplastic progression, we identified a subset of genes that were consistently changed when comparing wild-type tissue to the two adjacent ErbB2/Neu tissues that shared the most commonalities with the tumor molecular profiles. Three hundred and eighty-eight genes were consistently altered in expression in these two adjacent ErbB2/Neu samples compared to the wild-type control samples as indicated by the Affymetrix “change” parameter (6 comparisons: 2 adjacent ErbB2/Neu × 3 wild-type controls). Of these 388 genes, 230 were contained in the global ErbB2/neu Tumor molecular profile (**Table II-1**) and 82 were included in the filtered ErbB2/Neu tumor molecular signature (**Table II-2**). The data for these 82 genes are presented in **Table II-4**.

While comparisons of tumors to wild-type tissues can lead to important discoveries regarding the unique molecular signature of tumors, these studies are complicated by the difference in cellularity that exist between tumors and normal glands. We addressed this by standardizing all data to the changes observed in epithelial specific markers, cytokeratins 8 and 18. The comparison of adjacent ErbB2/Neu to wild-type control tissue described herein is not affected by this limitation because these tissues, on average, are similar in cellular composition. In comparing adjacent ErbB2/Neu microarray data to wild-type control data, we found that fat-specific markers were only slightly decreased (average 30% reduction; data not shown) while cytokeratins were marginally

increased (average 10% increase; **Table II-1**). Furthermore, western blot analysis for expression of E-cadherin, another epithelial cell marker, provided further corroboration that the wild-type control and adjacent ErbB2/Neu mammary glands have comparable epithelial cell content (**Figure II-4**). These data support the supposition that comparisons between adjacent ErbB2/Neu samples and wild-type tissues can reveal early gene expression changes that are due to overexpression of ErbB2/Neu and are not due to large changes in cellular composition. In conclusion, the progressive changes in expression of these 82 genes correlate with tumorigenic stage, suggesting that a subset of this population of genes may play a pivotal role in tumor promotion or progression.

The molecular profile of ErbB2/Neu tumors suggests that these tumors may have lost functional TGF- β signaling

During analysis of the genes contained in the filtered ErbB2/Neu tumor molecular signature, we noted that several of the genes that were decreased in tumors were known TGF- β -inducible genes. Included in this list were TGF- β -1-induced transcript 4, TGF- β -induced-microtubule-associated protein 4, dermatopontin, matrix metalloproteinase 3, serine protease 11 (IGF binding), gap junction membrane channel protein alpha 1, zinc finger homeobox 1a, and others (Chambers et al., 2003; Pimentel et al., 2002; Verrecchia et al., 2001). Although tumor cells and surrounding stroma often produce abundant TGF- β ligands (Reiss, 1999), the altered expression of these TGF- β targets lead us to hypothesize that the TGF- β pathway might be downregulated in ErbB2/Neu-induced tumors. Unfortunately, none of the canonical TGF- β intracellular

signaling pathway members satisfied the criteria required to be included in the ErbB2/Neu tumor expression profile (i.e. TGF- β 1, TGF- β 2, TGF- β 3, T β RI, T β RII, Smad2/3, Smad4, or Smad7). To directly determine whether the TGF- β pathway is perturbed in ErbB2/Neu-induced tumors, we generated western blots with independent tumor, preneoplastic mammary gland, and wild-type samples to examine protein expression levels of multiple components of the TGF- β signaling pathway. We evaluated expression of TGF- β receptors (I/Alk5 and II) and Smad2/3 (total and phosphorylated). Western blot analyses revealed that T β RI/Alk5 protein levels were decreased in the adjacent ErbB2/Neu mammary glands and tumors relative to wild-type controls, whereas total Smad2/3 levels were increased in tumors compared to wild-type controls and adjacent ErbB2/Neu mammary glands (**Figure II-4**). Levels of phosphorylated Smad2 were unchanged to marginally decreased in tumors relative to wild-type controls. These results lead us to examine the most definitive indicator of activation of the Smad-dependent TGF- β signaling pathway: activation/phosphorylation of Smad2 within individual cells in the various tissue samples.

Smad2 is inactive throughout ErbB2/Neu-induced mammary tumors except at the tumor/stroma interface

Immunohistochemical evaluation of nuclear, phosphorylated Smad2 revealed that Smad2 is inactive in the majority of the cells of an ErbB2/Neu-induced tumor. Any activated Smad2 that was translocated to the nucleus was confined to cells in the periphery of these tumors, in areas of invagination by stromal tissue (**Figure II-5A**), and in small lobes of tumors (data not shown).

Immunohistochemical evaluation of total Smad2/3 demonstrated increased nuclear staining in the periphery of the tumors and mostly cytoplasmic staining in the rest of the tumor with some regions of negative staining (**Figure II-5A**). These data indicate that the Smad signaling pathway is quiescent in the majority of an ErbB2/Neu-induced mammary tumor.

We considered the possibility that the peripheral staining pattern of Smad2 was reflective of nonviable cells in the center of these tumors. The cells lacking Smad2 activation appeared healthy and non-necrotic. To further evaluate cell viability, proliferative indices including bromodeoxyuridine (BrdU) incorporation during DNA synthesis (**Figure II-5B**), phosphorylated-histone 3 expression (data not shown), and Ki67 expression (data not shown) were evaluated. Additionally, apoptotic cells were assessed by detection of fragmented DNA and morphological characteristics (**Figure II-5B**). These data revealed a uniform distribution of proliferating and apoptotic cells throughout the tumors, indicating that there are healthy cycling cells throughout these tumors, both in the periphery and in the center of the tumor. Thus, lack of phospho-Smad2 staining in the center of tumors is not due to loss of cell viability.

The pattern of Smad2 activation in the periphery of ErbB2/Neu-induced tumors suggested that a unique tumor microenvironment induced by proximity to the stromal compartment may lead to activation of Smad2. If so, smaller tumors with greater accessibility to the stroma may have uniform activation of Smad2. Immunohistochemical analysis for phosphorylated Smad2 in smaller tumors revealed activated Smad2 throughout the tumor (**Figure II-5C**). Together, these

data suggest that the majority of epithelial cells comprising an ErbB2/Neu-induced mammary tumor have lost Smad signaling and that accessibility to the stromal microenvironment prevents this loss.

Immunohistochemical analysis demonstrates heterogeneous activation of the ErbB2/Neu Receptor in ErbB2/Neu tumor section

To determine whether differential activation of Smad2 in the periphery versus the center of the tumor correlated with differences in activation of ErbB2/Neu signaling, ErbB2/Neu receptor phosphorylation on positions 877 or 1248 was evaluated using immunohistochemistry. As expected, the ErbB2/Neu receptor was expressed throughout most of the tumor, whereas the activated/phosphorylated receptor demonstrated positive staining in the periphery of these tumors and heterogeneous staining in the center of the tumors with interspersed regions of both positive and negative staining (**Figure II-6**). The patterns of staining for the different phosphorylated tyrosine residues (Tyr877 and Tyr1248) were consistently very similar. Generally, phosphorylated ErbB2/Neu staining overlapped with regions of positive staining for phosphorylated Smad2 at the periphery of the tumors as well as regions of negative staining in the center of the tumor, suggesting that activated Smad2 can coexist with active ErbB2/Neu signaling.

Immunohistochemical assessment reveals loss of detectable TGF- β -Receptor-I in adjacent ErbB2/Neu mammary gland and ErbB2/Neu tumor epithelia

Phosphorylated Smad2 observed in the outer rim of ErbB2/Neu tumors could be due to restricted TGF- β signaling in this area or induction by other members of TGF- β superfamily capable of activating Smad2 such as Activin (Massague, 1998). The western blot analysis (**Figure II-4**) suggested that the type I TGF- β receptor/Alk5 (T β RI) might be greatly reduced or lost in ErbB2/Neu tumors. To determine whether expression of T β RI correlated with regions of Smad2 activation, we examined the cellular localization of T β RI by immunohistochemistry. Corroborating the western blot data, staining for T β RI was mostly negative in epithelial cells of both the adjacent ErbB2/Neu tissue and in ErbB2/Neu tumors but positive in wild-type epithelial cells (**Figure II-7**). These data indicate that expression of T β RI, and hence, TGF- β signaling is suppressed in adjacent ErbB2/Neu tissue and throughout the ErbB2/Neu tumors.

Activin-Receptor-IB expression correlates with active Smad2 signaling

Loss of T β RI in the entire tumor was surprising since active Smad2 was observed in the periphery of the tumor. Smad2 can also be activated by Activin ligand binding with Activin receptors, thus we examined cellular localization of the type I Activin receptor/Alk4 (ActRIB) by immunohistochemistry. Interestingly, ActRIB staining occurred in the periphery of the tumor sections and in the adjacent ErbB2/Neu tissue (**Figure II-8**), indicating that Activin signaling may be

responsible for the activation of Smad2 at the tumor/stroma interface of ErbB2/Neu tumors.

DISCUSSION

In this study, we identified a core set of genes that are progressively altered in expression during ErbB2/Neu-induced tumorigenesis in an *in vivo* model of breast cancer. Further characterization of these genes should provide insight into the tumorigenic events associated with ErbB2/Neu overexpression and thus a more complete understanding of the underlying biological mechanisms of the ErbB2/Neu tumorigenic cascade. Due to the importance of ErbB2/Neu overexpression in human breast cancers, several groups have previously used expression profiling to identify genes associated with ErbB2/Neu expression in breast tumors and cell lines (Andrechek et al., 2003; Bertucci et al., 2004; Desai et al., 2002; Dressman et al., 2003; Kauraniemi et al., 2001; Kauraniemi et al., 2004; Kumar-Sinha et al., 2003; Mackay et al., 2003; Perou et al., 2000; Wilson et al., 2002). Importantly, none have examined the expression profiles of preneoplastic tissue to identify alterations of gene expression that are associated with tumor progression in an *in vivo* model. Indeed, Green and colleagues (Desai et al., 2002) suggested that comparative expression profiling of various developmental stages of oncogene-induced tumors would greatly increase our understanding of the progression of genetic changes associated with tumorigenesis. Accordingly, the core set of 82 genes that were described in this report whose expression is associated with ErbB2/Neu-initiated cancer

progression may provide new diagnostic and predictive markers, as well as new chemotherapeutic or chemoprevention targets.

Golub and colleagues have previously identified a seventeen gene signature associated with human breast cancer metastasis (Ramaswamy et al., 2003). Of the metastasis genes that generated informative data in our analysis, thirty-three percent were contained within the global tumor profile (**Table II-1**). Furthermore, thirty percent of the genes encoding prognosis discriminator proteins for human breast cancer (Jacquemier et al., 2005) were also identified by our analysis of ErbB2/Neu tumors. These data support the utility of this mouse model in identifying genes that may be important in human breast tumorigenesis. Several of the 82 genes (*Etv1*, *Eif4ebp1*, *Ghr*, *Id2*, *Kai1*, *Tpd52*) that were progressively altered during ErbB2/Neu-induced tumorigenesis are already known to be associated with human breast cancer, highlighting the relevance of this model in evaluating alterations of the transcriptome that are associated with progression of tumorigenesis. Interestingly in previous studies, there were only a small number of genes that were common to all of the human breast tumor expression profiling experiments that identified ErbB2/Neu tumor molecular signatures, and these genes are contained in the *ErbB2/Neu* amplicon (Bertucci et al., 2004; Dressman et al., 2003; Kauraniemi et al., 2001; Perou et al., 2000; Wilson et al., 2002). The analytical approaches and perhaps the heterogeneity of human ErbB2/Neu positive breast tumors in these experiments seem to preclude identification of universal downstream targets of ErbB2/Neu

signaling. This further supports the use of the simplified ErbB2/Neu mouse model for identifying candidate genes for further analysis.

In comparing the global gene expression profile defined by our microarray analysis with previously published expression profiling data associated with ErbB2/Neu overexpression (Andrechek et al., 2003; Bertucci et al., 2004; Desai et al., 2002; Kauraniemi et al., 2004; Kumar-Sinha et al., 2003; Mackay et al., 2003; Wilson et al., 2002), we found only small subsets of overlap between the current data and these other expression profiles, and none of the genes were consistent among all of the data sets. There are several variations among the approaches used that may account for these discrepancies. These variations include: microarray formats with differential representation of the genome, analytical and statistical approaches, experimental paradigms, and starting material (i.e. cell lines vs. tissue samples). Not surprisingly, our gene expression profile shared the most commonalities with the MMTV-*Neu*-tumor signature identified by Desai et al (Desai et al., 2002). Despite the use of different microarray platforms and the collection of tumors at different time points, 70 of the 324 genes identified herein as “signature genes” were present in the list of genes reported by Desai et al. . Only four of these genes were changed in opposite directions (i.e. down- vs. up-regulated), suggesting strong concordance between the two tumor analyses. Thus, the study presented herein both confirms the data reported by Desai (Desai et al., 2002) and, extends this work by evaluating a different set of genes whose expression changes in tumors

compared to wild-type tissue and examining the transcripts associated with preneoplastic changes initiated by ErbB2/Neu expression.

The expression profiling of ErbB2/Neu tumors suggested that the TGF- β pathway may be altered in these tumors. The lack of Smad2 activation in the majority of cells within these tumors was accompanied by reduction of T β RI expression, suggesting that ErbB2/Neu-induction of tumors results in loss of at least one component of the TGF- β signaling pathway. Recently, another group reported that ErbB2/Neu can collaborate with ER81 to upregulate the expression of the inhibitory Smad7 in a breast cancer cell line (Dowdy et al., 2003), suggesting a direct mechanism for regulation of TGF- β signaling by the ErbB2/Neu pathway. Collectively, these data suggest that there are several possible mechanisms for suppression of the TGF- β pathway during ErbB2/Neu tumorigenesis. Whether loss of T β RI is due to active repression by ErbB2/Neu or an indirect mechanism remains unknown.

Three recent studies have evaluated the impact of genetically manipulating the TGF- β pathway on ErbB2/Neu-induced tumorigenesis in mice (Muraoka et al., 2003; Siegel et al., 2003; Yang et al., 2002). All three studies reported that the TGF- β pathway promotes metastasis of ErbB2/Neu-induced mammary tumors; however, discrepancies were reported regarding primary tumor latency. Whereas overexpression of secreted T β RII or active TGF- β 1 had no impact on primary tumor latency, forced expression of constitutively active T β RI in the same cells that express ErbB2/Neu delayed tumor development. In addition, multiple studies also found that forced activation of the TGF- β signaling pathway

decreases the proliferative rate of ErbB2/Neu-induced tumors (Muraoka et al., 2003; Siegel et al., 2003). These data are consistent with the results reported herein indicating that intrinsic loss of T β RI provides a growth advantage for ErbB2/Neu-induced mammary tumorigenesis. It is important to note that all of the bitransgenic mouse studies discussed above focused on assessing the ability of the TGF- β pathway to alter ErbB2/Neu-induced tumorigenesis under conditions in which both pathways are exogenously regulated without evaluating whether ErbB2/Neu-induced tumors undergo spontaneous alterations in TGF- β signaling. The study presented herein is the first to our knowledge to show that ErbB2/Neu-induced mammary tumors normally lose the Smad-dependent TGF- β signaling pathway resulting from loss of T β RI.

The presence of phosphorylated Smad2 in areas of the tumor that were in close proximity to stromal tissue occurred in the apparent absence of T β RI. This suggested that another member the TGF- β superfamily might be responsible for Smad2 activation. The correlation of immunohistochemical data for phosphorylated/activated Smad2 and Activin-Receptor-IB/Alk4 suggests that ErbB2/Neu and Activin signaling can coexist within ErbB2/Neu-induced tumors, but this coexistence is limited to the subset of tumor cells that are in close apposition to the stroma. Determining the role of Activin signaling and the mechanism for suppression of TGF- β signaling during the progression of ErbB2/Neu-initiated mammary tumorigenesis will be interesting questions to pursue in future studies.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Materials

Radiolabeled nucleotides were purchased from Perkin Elmer Life Sciences (Boston, MA). All chemicals were purchased from Sigma (St. Louis, MO). Antibodies were purchased from companies as follows: phospho-specific Smad2 (#3101), phospho-specific ErbB2/Neu (Tyr877; #2241), ErbB2/Neu (#2242) from Cell Signaling Technology, Inc. (Beverly, MA); Smad3 (FL-425), TGF- β Receptor I (sc-398), and TGF- β Receptor II (H-567) from Santa Cruz Biotechnology (Santa Cruz, CA); phospho-specific ErbB2/Neu (Tyr1248, AB-18 PN2A) from NeoMarkers (Fremont, CA); ActivinRIB (AF222) from R&D Systems (Minneapolis, MN); and anti-BrdU (Beckton Dickinson, San Jose, CA; #347580). Secondary antibodies include: horseradish peroxidase-conjugated goat anti-mouse and anti-rabbit (Santa Cruz Biotechnology) and fluorescein conjugated-goat anti-mouse (Jackson ImmunoResearch, West Grove, PA; #115-095-003).

Transgenic mice

All mice were housed in microisolator-plus units under pathogen-free conditions. Food and water were provided *ad libitum* and a 12 hr light/dark cycle was maintained. Mice [FVB/N-TgN(MMTV-*neu*)202Mul] containing the rat proto-oncogene *c-neu* transgene targeted to mammary epithelium by the MMTV-LTR promoter (Guy et al., 1992) were purchased from Jackson Laboratories (Bar Harbor, Maine) and bred to generate a colony of MMTV-*Neu* and non-transgenic, wild-type control mice. Transgenic mice were genotyped by PCR

with primers specific to the *Neu* transgene: forward: 5' CGCAACCCACATCAGGCC 3' and reverse: 5' TTCCTGCAGCAGCCTACGC 3'. Nulliparous mice were palpated weekly to detect tumors. One to three weeks after initial tumor detection, mice were killed by asphyxiation in a CO₂ chamber, cardiac blood was collected, mammary tissues were removed, and other organs were examined for metastases. All animal studies were approved by the Case Western Reserve University Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee.

Tissue isolation

Tumor and surrounding mammary gland were removed 1 to 3 wks after tumor detection (average tumor latency=37 wk) and placed in RNeasy (Ambion, Austin, TX) to prevent degradation of RNA. The adjacent, grossly non-tumorigenic mammary gland (adjacent ErbB2/Neu) was isolated, leaving a perimeter of approximately 2mm of normal tissue encasing the tumor (**Figure II-1A**). This small border of tissue surrounding the tumor was then removed and discarded. This resulted in 2 tissue samples: 1) tumors and 2) adjacent tissue that was at least 2 mm from the tumor and thus contained no overt tumor tissue. The adjacent ErbB2/Neu mammary gland and tumor tissue were frozen on dry ice and stored at -80°C. For wild-type controls, thoracic mammary glands were removed from 15 age-matched, nulliparous wild-type animals (age 31 or 41 wk). RNA isolated from each gland was pooled into three groups, each representing 5 different wild-type animals.

Microarray analysis

All data and detailed protocols have been submitted to Gene Expression Omnibus (GEO; <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/geo/>; Accession # GSE2528) according to Minimum Information About a Microarray Experiment (MIAME) guidelines (Brazma et al., 2001). Total RNA was extracted from tissues using the TRIzol method (Invitrogen, Carlsbad, CA). Using a 10 µg total RNA template and a custom primer containing both T7 primer sequence and oligo(dT)₂₄ (Genset Corp, La Jolla, CA), cDNA was synthesized (Superscript Choice System, Invitrogen, Carlsbad, CA). *In vitro* transcription (Enzo Diagnostics, Inc., Farmingdale, NY) was performed with Bio-CTP and Bio-UTP to produce biotin-labeled anti-sense cRNA. Biotinylated cRNA was purified using RNeasy spin columns (Qiagen, Inc., Valencia, CA) and delivered to the Gene Expression Array Core Facility at Case Western Reserve University (<http://www.geacf.net/>). Ten µg of biotinylated cRNA was fragmented and spiked with prokaryotic control RNAs followed by overnight hybridization at 45°C to the Affymetrix (Santa Clara, CA) Murine U74Av2 GeneChip Array. After washing, arrays were stained with streptavidin-phycoerythrin and scanned using an Agilent Gene Array scanner 2000 driven by the Affymetrix MicroArray Suite 5.0. The scanner PMT was set to the wide dynamic range setting.

Computational analyses were performed with Microarray Suite (v.5.0, Affymetrix), Data Mining Tool (DMT v.3.0, Affymetrix), MicroDB (v.3.0, Affymetrix), and GeneSpring (v.6.0, Silicon Genetics) software. Graphs representing values for

individual genes were generated using GraphPad Prism version 4.00 for Windows, GraphPad Software (San Diego, California; www.graphpad.com). Scanned images were analyzed using Affymetrix MAS 5.0. Four columns of data were given particular attention when assessing the results including: “signal”, “detection”, “signal log ratio”, and “change”. The microarray data generated from analysis of each tumor (n=5) sample was compared to the microarray data generated from analysis of each pooled age-matched, wild-type control sample (n=3) as illustrated in **Figure II-1C**. Probes that received an Affymetrix change call of “increased”, “decreased”, “marginally increased”, or “marginally decreased” were retained for further analysis. Probes that were not called “present” or “marginal” by Affymetrix detection call on at least one GeneChip were removed. Application of Welch’s approximate T-test with Benjamini and Hochberg multiple testing correction defined a set of probes with a false discovery rate of 5% ($p < 0.05$).

Histology

Following fixation in 4% (w/v) paraformaldehyde/PBS, one inguinal mammary gland and isolated tumors from each mouse were paraffin-embedded, cut into 5- μ m sections, and then stained with hematoxylin and eosin.

Northern blot analysis

Following isolation of total RNA according to the TRIzol reagent protocol (Invitrogen, Carlsbad, CA), 20 μ g of total RNA was separated by electrophoresis on a 1% denaturing agarose gel, transferred to Hybond-N+ Nylon membrane

(Amersham Pharmacia Biotech, Visscataway, NJ) with a Turbo Blotter (Schleicher and Scheull, Keene, NJ), and hybridized to a denatured, double-stranded DNA probe in QuikHyb solution (Stratagene, Cedar Creek, TX) according to the recommended protocol. Double-stranded DNA templates for probes were generated by PCR with the *neu* transgene primers described above and transgenic mouse genomic DNA template. Probes were radiolabeled with α -³²P-labeled dCTP by random priming (DECAprime II, Ambion, Austin, TX).

Real time reverse transcriptase (RT)-PCR

Ten Applied Biosystem 7900HT Gene Expression Micro Fluidic Cards, configuration 9, were designed and purchased from Applied Biosystems (Foster City, CA). Each of these 384 well cards contained 95 gene targets including controls with four replicates per target. To serve as negative controls, four wells were left empty. Total RNA was extracted from tissues using the TRIzol method (Invitrogen, Carlsbad, CA). RNA was treated to remove potential contaminating DNA according to the protocol from the DNA-free kit (Ambion, Austin, TX) and delivered to the Gene Expression Array Core Facility at CWRU. cDNA was generated using 3 µg of RNA in a 100 µl reaction volume in accordance with the High Capacity cDNA Archive Kit protocol (Applied Biosystems, Foster City, CA). Data was evaluated using ABI Prism SDS 2.2 software (Applied Biosystems, Foster City, CA). The following adjustable analysis settings were used: automatic Threshold Cycle (C_T), automatic outlier removal, and Relative Quantification (RQ) min/max confidence 95%. All data were calibrated relative

to an endogenous control, glyceraldehyde-3-phosphate dehydrogenase. Nine independent tissue samples were evaluated [3 different samples per experimental group (tumors, adjacent glands, or wild-type controls)].

Immunoblotting

Whole tissues were homogenized in nondenaturing protein lysis buffer (20mM Tris-HCl, pH7.5, 1% Triton X-100, 100mM NaCl, 40mM NaF, 1mM EDTA, 1mM EGTA) with additional phosphatase and protease inhibitors (1mM Na_3VO_4 , 10 $\mu\text{g/ml}$ leupeptin, 10 $\mu\text{g/ml}$ aprotinin, 1mM PMSF). Following lysis on ice for 30 min, homogenates were clarified by centrifugation ($12,000 \times g$) for 10 min at 4°C. The supernatant was retained as the whole cell lysate for subsequent western blot analysis. Proteins were quantified by Bradford Protein Assay (Biorad, Hercules, CA).

Whole cell lysate (150 μg) was resolved by discontinuous SDS-PAGE, and proteins were transferred to PVDF membrane in Towbin Buffer (192mg/L Glycine, 25mg/L Trisma Base, 10-20% (vol/vol) methanol). SDS-PAGE gels were stained with Coomassie blue stain to confirm complete transfer. Membranes were blocked with 5% (w/v) skim milk in PBS with 0.05% (v/v) Tween-20 (PBS-T) (1 H, RT). Membranes were incubated with primary antibody in 5% (w/v) bovine serum albumin (overnight, 4°C) in PBS-T plus sodium azide (0.02% (v/v) followed by incubation with appropriate secondary antibody conjugated to horseradish peroxidase in 5% skim milk in PBS-T (1 H, RT).

Bound antibodies were detected by chemiluminescence (Lumiglo, Cell Signaling Technology, Inc., Beverly, MA).

Immunohistochemistry

Immunohistochemistry was performed utilizing the Dako Envision Plus HRP kit (DakoCytomation, Carpinteria, CA) with minor modifications, except for ActivinRIB for which the Vectastain ABC kit was used (Vector Laboratories; Burlingame, CA). Briefly, mammary gland sections were deparaffinized in xylene and rehydrated in 100% and 95% ethanol. Methods for antigen retrieval included: boiling in 10mM citrate buffer (pH 6.0) for 10 min (PSmad2, ActRIB), boiling in 10mM citrate buffer (pH 6.0) 20 min (Total Smad2/3), 1 min boil followed by sub-boil in 1mM EDTA (pH 8.0) for 15 min (P-ErbB2-877, P-ErbB2-1248, ErbB2), and 5 min trypsin digestion (Sigma tablets, TBRI). Sections were blocked with the blocking buffer included in the kit along with 15µl/ml normal serum and then incubated with primary antibody (overnight, 4°C). Primary antibodies were diluted 1:100 except for PSmad2 (1:200) and ActRIB (1:25). Following incubation with secondary antibody included in the Dako or Vectastain kit, bound antibody was detected by DAB reaction. Sections were counterstained with Gill's Hematoxylin #3 (Polysciences, Inc., Washington, PA), dehydrated, cleared, and mounted in Permount. A control (blocking buffer without primary antibody) was performed for each tissue stained. Seven mammary glands with tumors from seven individual transgenic animals were analyzed.

Apoptotic cells were identified using the ApopTag Plus Peroxidase In Situ Apoptosis Detection Kit (Chemicon; Temecula, CA). For assessment of cells undergoing DNA synthesis, mice received an injection (0.1mg/g body weight) of 5-bromo-2'-deoxyuridine (BrdU) 2 h before being killed. Immunohistochemistry for BrdU was carried out as described previously (Milliken et al., 2002).

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Figure II-1. Identification of an ErbB2/Neu mammary tumor molecular signature. **A. Experimental Design.** Three mammary gland tissue types were isolated from mice for gene expression microarray analyses including: age-matched wild-type (Wild-Type), ErbB2/Neu tumor, and tissue adjacent to, but not including, the tumor. For the ErbB2/Neu-expressing tissues, the entire mammary gland was removed from the MMTV-*Neu* mouse. The tumor plus the 2 mm border of tissue immediately surrounding the tumor were cut out. This 2 mm bordering peritumoral tissue was removed and discarded. The adjacent ErbB2/Neu gland and the tumor were retained for analysis. **B. Northern blot analysis confirms ErbB2/Neu transgene expression in adjacent ErbB2/Neu tissue.** Twenty micrograms of total RNA from microarray samples were separated by gel electrophoresis, transferred to nylon membrane, and then hybridized with a PCR-generated probe for Rat *neu*, cytokeratin-8 (epithelial cell marker), and cyclophilin (loading control). **C. Identification of genes with altered expression using the Affymetrix Change Call Algorithm.** Samples were analyzed by Affymetrix MGU74Av2 microarrays. The gene expression profile of each tumor (n=5) was compared to the expression profile of each pooled wild-type sample (n=3 profiles; 5 pooled tissues per profile). Only genes that were called changed in every comparison using the Affymetrix change call algorithm were retained. The intersection of these 15 comparisons (5 tumors × 3 wild-type samples) contained 821 genes and ESTs. Removal of genes that were called absent on all of the microarrays reduced the list to 818 genes and ESTs. These genes represent the global tumor expression profile for ErbB2/Neu-induced

mammary tumors. **D.** *Comparison of the Affymetrix subset of genes to the subset of genes acquired using Welch's approximate T-test with the Benjamini and Hochberg multiple testing correction.* Statistical analysis of the entire 12,448 genes identified 849 genes that were statistically different in expression levels when comparing the ErbB2/Neu tumor partial transcriptomes to the wild-type partial transcriptomes. 324 genes met both the Affymetrix algorithm and the statistical criteria, as indicated by the Venn diagram. These genes represent a filtered ErbB2/Neu tumor expression profile.

Figure II-1

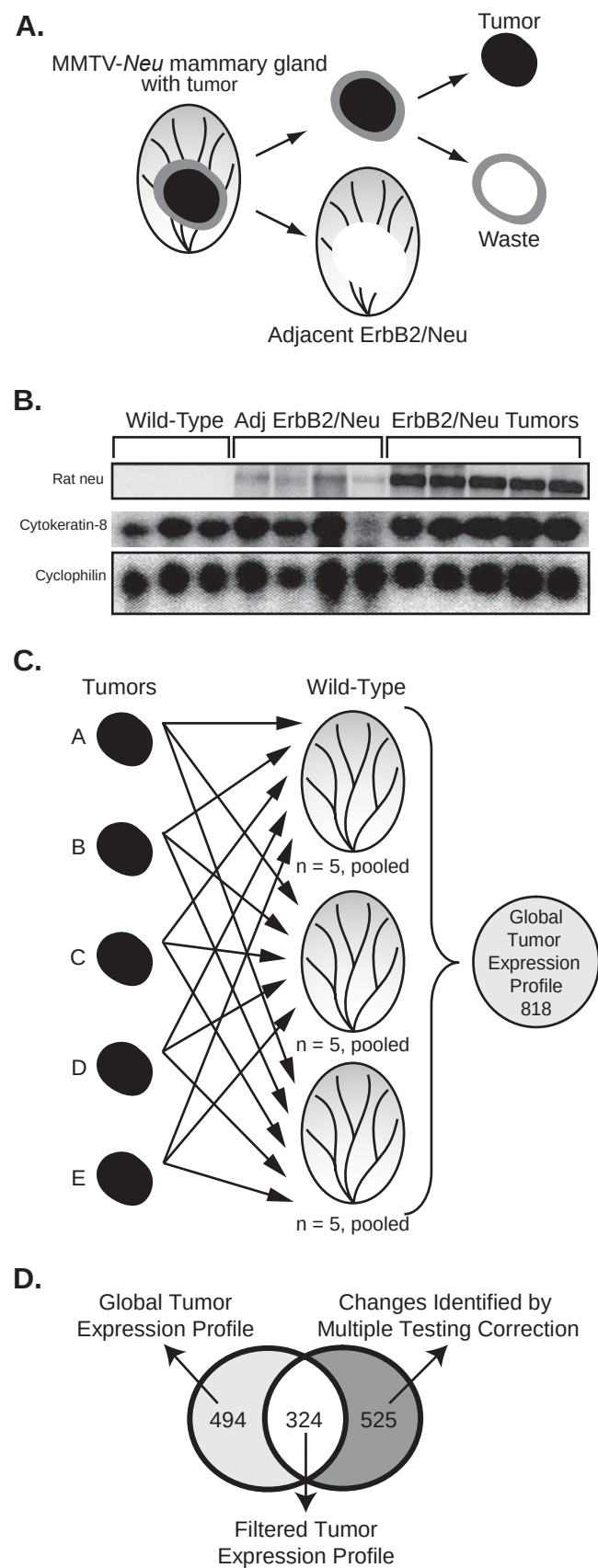


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Gene Name	Common	Genbank	Affymetrix	Absolute call*	ANWSWT	Fold Change [§]			SOM CI #†	p-value [‡]	Repeated Observation**	RT-PCR Confirmation
						Median	Minimum	Max				
1-acylglycerol-3-phosphate O-acyltransferase 3		AW124201	160807 at		0.72	0.51	0.34	0.71	3	0.048	+/+	
2,4-dienoyl CoA reductase 1, mitochondrial		A1844846	160711 at		0.55	0.21	0.14	0.25			+/+	
3-hydroxy-3-methylglutaryl-Coenzyme A synthase 1		AW124932	94325 at		0.53	0.28	0.19	0.41			+/+	
3-ketoadipyl-CoA thiolase B		AW012588	99571 at	P to A	0.51	0.25	0.11	0.32	3	0.006	+/+	
3-monooxygenase/tyrosinase 5-monooxygenase activation protein, Ynf1p		AW125041	95716 at		0.69	0.40	0.29	0.47			+/+	
3-phosphoadenosine 5'-phosphatase synthase 1		U34483	93288 at		1.32	2.97	1.91	4.03	2	0.040	+/+	
3-phosphoadenosine 5'-phosphatase synthase 2		AF052433	96713 at	P to A	0.71	0.22	0.12	0.43	1	0.047	+/+	
3-phosphohydroxy-2-ketose-2,6-biphosphatase 1		X98848	103297 at	P to A	0.34	0.07	0.04	0.09			+/+	
A kinase (PRKA) anchor protein (gravin) 12		AB020886	96022 at		1.03	2.48	2.16	4.44	2	0.046	+/+	N
A kinase (PRKA) anchor protein (gravin) 9		AF515067	93464 at	A to P	1.91	13.09	3.56	26.72			+/+	
absent in melanoma 1		AA711704	103443 at		1.39	3.66	2.13	4.26	2	0.019	+/+	
acetyl-Coenzyme A acyltransferase 2 (mitochondrial 3-oxoacyl-)		A1849271	95064 at		0.65	0.30	0.24	0.42	3	0.005	+/+	
acetyl-Coenzyme A dehydrogenase, long-chain		U21489	95425 at		0.65	0.43	0.27	0.59			+/+	
acetyl-Coenzyme A dehydrogenase, medium chain		U07159	92581 at		0.66	0.26	0.16	0.38			+/+	
acetyl-Coenzyme A synthetase 2 (AMP forming)-like		AW125884	160821 at		1.84	2.60	1.28	4.89			+/+	
acid phosphatase 5, tartrate resistant		M95054	98859 at		0.49	0.31	0.26	0.44			+/+	
acolinase 2, mitochondrial		A1836740	96870 at		0.70	0.47	0.38	0.61			+/+	
actin, alpha 1, skeletal muscle		M12347	100381 at	P to A	0.23	0.00	0.00	0.15			+/+	
actin, alpha 2, smooth muscle, aorta		X13297	93100 at		0.87	0.18	0.11	0.26	1	0.003	+/+	
actin, beta, cytoplasmic		AFF X-b	AFF X-b		2.18	4.11	2.00	8.57			+/+	
actin, beta, cytoplasmic		AFF X-b	AFF X-b		2.00	3.12	1.84	7.73			+/+	
actin-binding LIM protein 1		A1841606	103574 at	P to A	1.66	1.87	1.29	4.06			+/+	
actin-binding LIM protein 3		AF093775	100879 at	P to A	0.64	0.16	0.08	0.23			+/+	
activated leukocyte cell adhesion molecule		L25274	104407 at		0.26	0.21	0.12	0.33			+/+	
acyl-Coenzyme A oxidase 1, palmitoyl		AF006688	101515 at		1.12	0.43	0.29	0.66			+/+	
adenylate kinase 1		AJ010108	96801 at	P to A	0.62	0.29	0.21	0.51			+/+	
adenylate kinase 2		AB020202	95148 at		0.68	0.44	0.27	2.60			+/+	
adipocyte complement related protein		U49915	99104 at		0.54	0.29	0.25	0.37			+/+	
adipsin		X04673	96671 at		0.61	0.01	0.00	0.02			+/+	
ADP-ribosylation factor GTPase activating protein 3		A1844507	97811 at	A to P	0.71	0.01	0.00	0.03			+/+	
ADP-ribosylation factor-like 6 interacting protein 5		AW049547	97424 at		1.66	3.02	2.14	3.98			+/+	
ADP-ribosyltransferase 3		Y08027	98924 at	P to A	0.43	0.03	0.01	0.05			+/+	
Adrenergic receptor, beta 3		X72862	92538 at	P to A	0.37	0.04	0.02	0.12			+/+	
Adrenergic receptor, beta 3		X72862	92537 g at	P to A	0.28	0.03	0.01	0.04	3	0.041	+/+	
Adrenergic receptor, beta 3		X72862	92536 at	P to A	0.29	0.02	0.01	0.05			+/+	
aldehyde dehydrogenase family 1, subfamily A1		M74570	100068 at	P to A	0.62	0.08	0.03	0.12			+/+	
aldehyde dehydrogenase family 1, subfamily A7		U96401	94778 at		0.54	0.10	0.05	0.16	3	0.005	+/+	
aldolase 3, C isoform		AB017462	104011 at	P to A	0.58	0.08	0.03	0.28			+/+	
alpha-2-macroglobulin		AW121134	160546 at		4.82	14.52	9.19	24.76	2	0.023	+/+	
amine oxidase, copper containing 3		A1850538	10486 at	A to P	5.93	28.25	4.26	233.94			+/+	
aminoadipate-semialdehyde synthase		AF078705	102327 at		0.47	0.03	0.01	0.04			+/+	
aminocyclitolate, delta-, dehydratase		AJ224761	103388 at		2.98	7.67	6.11	13.74			+/+	
aminotransferase, delta-, dehydratase		X13752	101044 at		0.57	0.26	0.14	0.32	3	0.038	+/+	
amphiprepilin		M63245	93500 at		0.79	0.52	0.37	0.66			+/+	
angiotensin II (A2) precursor-like protein 2		U41352	99915 at	P to A	0.57	0.08	0.00	0.17			+/+	
angiotensin-like 2		M97216	101058 at	P to A	0.33	0.01	0.00	0.02			+/+	
angiotensin-like 4		A1840138	93495 at		0.64	0.41	0.28	0.53	3	0.009	+/+	
angiotensin-like 4		AA797604	96119 s at	P to A	0.75	0.12	0.08	0.24	1	0.010	+/+	
angiotensin-like 4		A126305	96114 at	P to A	0.92	0.30	0.18	0.49			+/+	
ankyrin 3, epithelial		M69282	99719 s at	A to P	4.05	9.25	2.23	18.13	4	0.023	+/+	Y
ankyrin A3		M11034	100569 at		0.94	0.59	0.41	0.72			+/+	
ankyrin toxin receptor 2		AA612450	104761 at		0.71	0.43	0.32	0.63			+/+	
ankyrin toxin receptor, beta 3		Z22663	93354 at		0.59	0.33	0.23	0.44			+/+	
apolipoprotein C1		A1845103	94032 at		0.95	1.89	0.31	7.57			+/+	
apolipoprotein A-I binding protein		X82648	93592 at		1.13	1.59	1.22	2.07			+/+	
apolipoprotein D		U29914	93330 at	P to A	0.81	0.14	0.03	0.42			+/+	
aquaporin 1		U51805	93300 at	P to A	0.73	0.04	0.02	0.08			+/+	
arabinase 1, liver		AW122364	95749 at		1.93	6.54	3.05	24.25			+/+	
arabinerich, mutated in early stage tumors		AW121539	160207 at		1.24	1.88	1.39	2.35			+/+	
ATP citrate lyase		A1836694	92800 at		0.87	0.31	0.13	0.57			+/+	
ATP synthase, H+ transporting, mitochondrial F1 complex, gamma		X67140	96126 s at	P to A	1.20	2.00	1.13	2.50			+/+	
ATPase, Ca++ transporting, cardiac muscle, fast twitch 1		AV241808	162223 f at	P to A	0.12	0.03	0.02	0.15			+/+	
ATPase, H+ transporting, lysosomal accessory protein 2		A1845108	160202 at		0.14	0.01	0.00	0.09			+/+	
ATPase, H+ transporting, Y1 subunit A, isoform 1		AW123765	95746 at		1.71	2.83	1.91	3.61	2	0.007	+/+	

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ATPase H+ transp. V1 subunit A, isoform 1	Apbva1a1	U13837	95745_0_at		1.25	2.51	1.83	3.48	2	0.023	+/+	
ATPase H+ transp. V1 subunit E, isoform 1	Apbva1e1	U13841	94532_at		1.16	1.91	1.44	2.79	4	0.032	+/+	
ATPase Na+/K+ transp. alpha 1 polypeptide	Apba1	AW123562	97197_0_at		5.03	7.16	2.85	16.91			+/+	
ATPase Na+/K+ transp. alpha 1 polypeptide	Apba1	A1839938	93798_at		1.16	1.91	1.44	2.79			+/+	
ATPase Na+/K+ transp. alpha 2 polypeptide	Apba2	A1839937	94281_at	P to A	3.47	4.92	2.85	9.51			+/+	
ATPase Na+/K+ transp. beta 3 polypeptide	Apbb3	U59761	99579_at		0.48	0.94	0.02	4.44			+/+	
ATP-binding cassette, sub-family B (ALD), member 2	Abcc2	Z48670	92913_at	P to A	0.75	0.48	0.41	0.62		0.010	+/+	
AU RNA binding protein/enzyme A hydrolase	Auh	A1837724	96650_at		0.73	0.57	0.45	0.73		0.019	+/+	
B lymphoma Mo-MuLV insertion region 1	Bmi1	M64068	101475_at		0.66	0.50	0.33	0.63			+/+	
basic helix-loop-helix domain containing, class B2	Bhlh2	Y07836	104701_at		1.02	2.14	1.55	4.23			+/+	
BC12/adrenovirus E1B 19kDa-interacting protein 1, NIP2	Bcl2	AF035207	93064_at		0.79	0.45	0.33	0.55	3	0.020	+/+	
Bcl2-associated athanogene 2	Bcl2	W71352	160662_at		1.60	2.17	1.68	2.64		0.009	+/+	
Bernardinelli-Seip congenital lipodystrophy 2 homolog (human)	Bslc2	AF069954	93080_at		0.64	0.32	0.26	0.43			+/+	
beta-1-globin	Bt1	V00722	103534_at		1.17	0.35	0.16	0.68			+/+	
bladder cancer associated protein homolog (human)	Bicap	AW121500	98055_at		0.51	0.41	0.25	0.52			+/+	
brain beta spectrin (Sgrib-2)	Bt1	M74773	93571_at		0.75	0.65	0.54	0.80		0.023	+/+	
branched chain aminotransferase 2, mitochondrial	Bckd1b	AF031467	100443_at		0.61	0.27	0.14	0.69	3	0.040	+/+	
branched chain ketoacid dehydrogenase E1, beta polypeptide	Bckd1b	L16992	102302_at		0.59	0.33	0.28	0.47	3	0.001	+/+	
cadherin 5	Cdh5	A1853217	104083_at		0.78	0.20	0.13	0.36			+/+	
calcitonin/calcitonin-related polypeptide, alpha	Calca	X97991	92533_at	P to A	1.54	2.17	1.82	2.58	2	0.007	+/+	
calcium binding protein, intestinal	Calb	Y00884	95423_at		1.54	2.17	1.82	2.58			+/+	
calmodulin 2	Calm2	M27844	93293_at		1.05	1.78	1.45	2.23		0.046	+/+	
calpain 12	Capn12	A1836968	93343_at		1.91	4.82	3.73	6.19	2	0.023	+/+	
calpain 2	Capn2	D38117	101040_at		0.59	0.33	0.19	0.50			+/+	
carbonic anhydrase 2	Car2	M25944	92642_at		2.58	2.36	1.45	4.06			+/+	
carbonic anhydrase 3	Car3	AJ006474	160375_at	P to A	0.70	0.01	0.01	0.03			+/+	
carbonic anhydrase 8	Car8	X61397	102773_at		1.35	4.06	1.73	7.41			+/+	
carboxyl ester lipase	Cel	U37386	99939_at	P to A	0.89	0.29	0.18	0.61			+/+	
carboxylesterase 3	Ces3	AW226939	101539_f.at		0.36	0.00	0.00	0.00			+/+	
carboxylesterase 3	Ces3	AW226939	101539_f.at		0.36	0.00	0.00	0.00			+/+	
carboxypeptidase A3, mast cell	Cpe3	J05118	102351_at	P to A	0.57	0.00	0.00	0.01	3	0.019	+/+	
carboxypeptidase D	Cpd	D85391	160655_at	A to P	1.69	5.70	3.18	16.11			+/+	
carboxypeptidase E	Cpe	X61232	95643_f.at		0.84	0.27	0.14	0.25			+/+	
carboxypeptidase E	Cpe	X61232	95642_f.at		0.96	0.24	0.12	0.34			+/+	
carthagen acyltransferase	Crat	X85983	103646_at		0.49	0.26	0.19	0.34			+/+	
carthagen acyltransferase	Crat	AV238359	161989_f.at	P to A	0.53	0.11	0.05	0.25			+/+	
carthagen acyltransferase 2	Cp2	U01170	95646_at		0.64	0.36	0.29	0.42	3	0.008	+/+	
casein delta	Csnr	V00740	98814_at	A to P	4.21	20.53	2.60	147.03			+/+	
casein kappa	Csnr	M01014	99065_at		2.23	2.51	1.87	4.95			+/+	
casein kinase 1, alpha 1	Csk1a1	X90945	99650_at		1.27	1.69	1.27	2.71			+/+	
CASP2 and RIPK1 domain containing adaptor with death domain	Crad	AJ224738	102952_g.at		1.24	2.41	1.89	3.25	2	0.006	+/+	N
CASP8 and FADD-like apoptosis regulator	Clar	Y14041	103217_at		1.51	1.84	1.40	2.43			+/+	
Caspase 1	Casp1	U28095	102064_at		1.92	6.68	2.46	7.62			+/+	
Caspase 12	Casp12	U13090	92488_at		1.57	3.53	2.25	5.24			+/+	
Caspase 3, apoptosis related cysteine protease	Casp3	U94803	95436_s.at		1.43	2.36	2.42	4.63			+/+	
Caspase 4, apoptosis-related cysteine protease	Casp4	U13095	93506_at		1.58	3.16	2.48	5.28			+/+	
Cathepsin D, lysosomal aspartate protease	Catd	AF101556	99535_at		0.59	0.22	0.18	0.29			+/+	
Cathepsin S	Cat5	M65270	94331_at		1.22	2.02	1.18	4.77	2	0.043	+/+	N
Cathepsin C	Catc	U74683	101019_at		1.40	2.14	1.55	2.77	2	0.032	+/+	
cathepsin H	Cth	U06119	94824_at		1.30	2.07	1.27	3.10			+/+	Y
cathepsin L	Ctl	A171654	102304_at		0.63	0.06	0.02	0.11			+/+	
CASP300-interacting transactivator, with Glu/Asp-rich carboxy-terminal	Cat3	Y15163	101972_at		1.77	3.56	1.87	5.86			+/+	
CCAAT enhancer binding protein (C/EBP), alpha	Cebpa	M62362	98472_at		0.37	0.09	0.05	0.11			+/+	
CD151 antigen	Cd151	AF033650	97930_f.at		0.77	0.59	0.50	0.74		0.050	+/+	
CD142 antigen	Cd142	A181697	101897_at		0.48	0.25	0.17	0.46			+/+	
CD34 antigen	Cd34	A1847784	160358_at	P to A	0.49	0.24	0.11	0.41	1	0.012	+/+	
CD36 antigen	Cd36	L23108	93332_at		0.73	0.23	0.02	0.42	3	0.031	+/+	
CD9 antigen	Cd9	L08115	95661_at		1.38	2.46	1.96	3.29		0.010	+/+	
CDNA sequence AB023957		AB023957	96132_at	P to A	0.44	0.09	0.02	0.17			+/+	
CDNA sequence BC004728		BC004728	94423_at		1.77	5.90	2.53	8.22	2	0.040	+/+	
CDNA sequence BC011209		AW211783	160632_at	A to P	2.47	7.94	3.03	23.92	2	0.029	+/+	
CDNA sequence BC013529		A1845588	103580_at	P to A	0.46	0.28	0.14	0.45			+/+	
CDNA sequence BC017433		AW123477	96158_at		1.38	3.16	1.71	4.76			+/+	
CDNA sequence BC022329		AA726383	160732_at	P to A	0.61	0.42	0.14	0.57			+/+	
CDNA sequence BC031468		AA791885	160702_at		1.54	3.27	1.48	4.79			+/+	
CDNA sequence BC037006		AB50846	104543_at		2.37	9.32	3.16	16.45			+/+	

Table 1b-1. Global ErbB2/Neu Mammary Tumor Molecular Signature. 818 genes were changed according to Affymetrix algorithms in all tumors compared to wild-type control mammary tissues. Note: ESTs have been annotated from public database information as of 1/2004

Gene Name			Common	Genbank	Affymetrix	Absolute call*	ANVSWT			Fold Change [§]			SOM Cl #†	p-value‡	Repeated Observation**	RT-PCR Confirmation‡‡
Gene Name							Median	Minimum	Max							
Gene Name																
gap junction membrane channel protein beta 2	Gjb2	M81445	98423 at			0.97	0.27	0.13	1	0.010	+/+	N				
gasolin	Gsn	J04953	93750 at			0.60	0.03	0.02	0.04		+/+					
germline 1gH chain	Gla	AA02475	102843 s at	P to A		0.52	0.09	0.06	0.29		+/+					
glucan (1,4-alpha), branching enzyme 1	Gbe1	AW1210370	96803 at			0.46	0.27	0.14	0.32	3	0.026	+/+				
glucose regulated protein	Gpr58	M73329	101060 at			2.07	3.27	1.60	5.62		+/+	Y				
glucose-6-phosphate dehydrogenase Xlnlec	G6pdh	Z11911	94966 at			0.54	0.45	0.35	0.60		+/+					
glutamate-ammonia lyase (glutamine synthase)	Glu	U09114	94852 at	P to A		0.98	0.15	0.12	0.33		+/+					
glutamyl aminopeptidase	Enpep	M29961	102373 at	P to A		0.32	0.02	0.02	0.06		+/+					
glutaredoxin 1 (thioltransferase)	Glx1	AB013137	95722 at			1.19	2.30	1.49	3.48		+/+					
glutathione peroxidase 3	Gpx3	U13705	101676 at			0.33	0.04	0.02	0.08	3	0.000	+/+				
glutathione S-transferase kappa 1	Gstk1	AB41295	96670 at			0.56	0.34	0.20	0.48		+/+					
glutathione S-transferase, alpha 4	Gsta4	J06047	96085 at	P to A		0.66	0.12	0.06	0.71		+/+					
glutathione S-transferase, mu 2	Gstm2	J04696	93009 at			0.54	0.17	0.12	0.71		+/+					
glutathione transferase zeta 1 (maleylacetoacetate isomerase)	Gstz1	AW060750	100350 at			0.56	0.14	0.10	0.19	3	0.030	+/+				
glycerol phosphate dehydrogenase 2, mitochondrial	Gpd2	D50430	96384 f at			0.57	0.20	0.11	0.28	3	0.000	+/+				
glycerol-3-phosphate acyltransferase, mitochondrial	Gpat	U11680	101867 at			0.38	0.17	0.13	0.19	3	0.003	+/+				
glycerol-3-phosphate dehydrogenase 1 (soluble)	Gpd1	AV290060	161753 f at	P to A		0.65	0.08	0.04	0.17	1	0.048	+/+				
glycine decarboxylase	Gdc	M25558	92592 at	P to A		0.52	0.08	0.04	0.12		+/+					
glycogenin 1	Gygi1	AW123955	95603 at	A to P		2.72	11.24	2.38	45.57		+/+					
golgi phosphoprotein 3	Golp3	AW049730	100597 at			0.51	0.31	0.22	0.44	3	0.005	+/+				
growth arrest specific 6	Gas6	AW060175	100688 at			1.36	2.25	1.48	3.05		+/+	2af3				
growth hormone receptor	Ghr	X59846	99067 at			0.86	0.31	0.16	0.59	3	0.027	+/+				
growth hormone receptor	Ghr	M31680	99107 at			0.42	0.13	0.07	0.28		+/+					
guanine nucleotide binding protein, alpha 1.4	Gna14	M30312	99108 s at			0.36	0.07	0.05	0.10	3	0.032	+/+				
guanine nucleotide binding protein, alpha inhibiting 1	Gnat1	A153412	104412 at	A to P		1.85	3.18	1.72	21.71		+/+					
hair/ventricle-of-split related with YRPW motif 1	Hey1	A3243895	95671 at	P to A		0.38	0.02	0.01	0.05	3	0.036	+/+				
haptoglobin	Hp	M96827	96092 at	A to P		1.82	6.87	3.16	10.48		+/+					
heat shock protein 2	Hspa2	M20567	99816 at			1.41	0.12	0.07	0.30		+/+					
heine oxygenase (deacylating) 1	Hmox1	X56824	160101 at	A to P		1.75	4.76	1.96	10.41		+/+					
hemoglobin alpha, adult chain 1	Hba-a1	AV003378	162457 f at			1.41	2.30	1.87	3.20		+/+					
hemoglobin alpha, adult chain 1	Hba-a1	U00714	94781 at			0.94	0.27	0.14	0.52		+/+					
hemoglobin, beta, adult, major chain	Hbb-b1	J00413	101869 at			1.00	0.32	0.15	0.64		+/+					
hepatelastin	Heph	AF082567	104194 at			0.40	0.16	0.09	0.32	1	0.010	+/+				
hexokinase 2	Hk2	Y11666	94375 at			0.42	0.21	0.12	0.34		+/+					
hexose-6-phosphate dehydrogenase (glucose 1-dehydrogenase)	H6pd	AA039571	104148 at			0.67	0.46	0.30	0.67	1	0.036	+/+				
histocompatibility 2, class II antigen A, alpha	H2-Aa	X52643	92866 at			0.94	0.46	0.16	0.71	3	0.033	+/+				
histocompatibility 2, T region locus 1	H2-Q1	U96752	92222 f at			1.32	2.10	1.54	4.76		+/+					
histocompatibility 2, T region locus 23	H2-T23	Y00629	98472 at			1.22	2.11	1.48	4.20		+/+					
histocompatibility 47	H47	AW125865	94245 at			1.25	1.89	1.42	2.48		+/+					
histone H2A.1	H2A.1	M33988	94805 f at			1.35	2.27	1.58	3.71		+/					
hnRNP-associated with lethal yellow	Hnly	L17076	98511 at			3.31	2.81	1.26	5.03		+/+					
homeodomain interacting protein kinase 2	Hipk2	AF077659	103833 at	P to A		0.65	0.08	0.05	0.15		+/+					
homeodomain 2 (Drosophila)	Homer2	AF093259	160695 f at	A to P		2.63	7.16	3.63	13.36	4	0.028	+/+				
hydroxyacyl-Coenzyme A dehydrogenase/3-ketoadyl-Coenzyme A	Hadh	AW122615	96913 at			0.45	0.17	0.15	0.21	3	0.037	+/+				
hydroxysteroid (17-beta) dehydrogenase 1	Hsd17b4	X88998	97515 at			0.54	0.36	0.20	0.52		+/+					
hydroxysteroid 11-beta dehydrogenase 1	Hsd11b1	X83202	97867 at	P to A		0.39	0.08	0.05	0.17		+/+					
hypothetical protein G330505N24	G330505N24	AA430272	104207 at			1.54	2.99	2.39	4.32	2	0.005	+/+				
hypothetical protein B230364F10	B230364F10	A153457	103521 at			1.30	1.71	1.52	2.98		+/+					
hypothetical protein D930024E11	D930024E11	A1226337	93075 at			1.51	3.39	1.88	6.11		+/+					
hypothetical protein MGC118837	MGC118837	AB057036	98442 at			0.76	0.57	0.52	0.70		+/					
IGK chain	Igk	M80423	102155 f at			0.51	0.02	0.01	0.04		+/+					
Ig kappa, light chain V-J kappa 5 joining region	Igk	X00552	96971 f at	P to A		0.54	0.03	0.04	0.30		+/+					
immediate early response 2	Irf2	AF229292	161606 f at			1.44	2.58	1.77	3.71	2	0.038	+/				
immediate early response 3	Irf3	M69822	99109 at			1.46	2.38	1.83	2.91	2	0.030	+/+				
immediate early response 5	Irf5	X61644	94384 at			3.03	14.93	8.85	22.78	2	0.048	+/+				
immunoglobulin heavy chain	Igh	AF079528	97773 at			0.99	0.34	0.24	0.56	1	0.029	+/+				
immunoglobulin heavy chain variable region precursor	Igh	AA765946	96172 at	P to A		1.15	1.54	1.27	1.87		+/+	N				
immunoglobulin heavy chain variable region precursor	Igh	AF042768	97553 at	P to A		0.84	0.31	0.20	0.43		+/+					
immunoglobulin heavy chain variable region precursor	Igh	AF036736	97574 f at	P to A		0.61	0.18	0.08	0.55		+/+					
immunoglobulin heavy chain variable region precursor	Igh	AF025445	100376 f at	P to A		0.73	0.07	0.03	0.21		+/+					
immunoglobulin heavy chain (J558 family)	Igh	AF059706	93904 f at	P to A		0.77	0.25	0.13	0.40		+/+					
immunoglobulin heavy chain 4 (serum IgG1)	Igh-4	J00475	100583 at	P to A		0.57	0.06	0.04	0.14		+/+					
immunoglobulin heavy chain 4 (serum IgG1)	Igh-4	L33954	93927 f at	P to A		0.60	0.08	0.01	0.18		+/+					
immunoglobulin heavy chain 4 (serum IgG1)	Igh-4	X88902	101871 f at	P to A		0.61	0.06	0.03	0.11		+/+					
immunoglobulin heavy chain 4 (serum IgG1)	Igh-4	V00793	101876 at	P to A		0.43	0.03	0.01	0.10		+/+					

Table II-1. Global ErbB2/Neu Mammary Tumor Molecular Signature. 818 genes were changed according to Affymetrix algorithms in all tumors compared to wild-type control mammary tissues. Note: ESTs have been annotated from public database information as of 1/2004

Gene Name	Common	Genbank	Affymetrix	Absolute call*	ANvsWT		Fold Change*		SOM Ci #†	p-value*	Repeated Observation**	RT-PCR Confirmation ^{‡§}
					Median	Median	Median	Minimum				
immunoglobulin heavy chain 4 (set)	IGJ1-4	X94418	99420 at	P to A	0.35	0.03	0.01	0.07			+/+	
immunoglobulin gamma chain	IG	M91766	102372 at		0.60	0.10	0.07	0.17	3	0.047	+/+	
immunoglobulin kappa chain variable 8 (V8)	IGK-V8	X00651	96972 f at	P to A	0.53	0.19	0.11	0.61			+/+	
immunoglobulin kappa chain variable 8 (V8)	IGK-V8	A5017349	102555 f at	P to A	0.52	0.16	0.10	0.47			+/+	
immunoglobulin kappa chain variable 8 (V8)	IGK-V8	U119315	101718 f at	P to A	0.57	0.16	0.07	0.42			+/+	
immunoglobulin kappa chain variable 8 (V8)	IGK-V8	AF045024	97566 f at	P to A	0.48	0.14	0.03	0.62			+/+	
immunoglobulin kappa chain variable 8 (V8)	IGK-V8	AF045026	97567 f at	P to A	0.48	0.14	0.03	0.41			+/+	
immunoglobulin kappa chain variable 8 (V8)	IGK-V8	U55576	100209 f at	P to A	0.56	0.10	0.02	0.40			+/+	
immunoglobulin kappa chain variable 8 (V8)	IGK-V8	M15593	101640 f at	P to A	0.49	0.06	0.03	0.23			+/+	
immunoglobulin kappa chain variable 8 (V8)	IGK-V8	M18237	93088 at		0.61	0.03	0.02	0.06			+/+	
immunoglobulin kappa chain variable 8 (V8)	IGK-V8	M15520	102157 f at	P to A	0.58	0.02	0.02	0.16			+/+	
immunoglobulin kappa chain variable 8 (V8)	IGK-V8	U55641	101331 f at	P to A	0.49	0.01	0.00	0.06			+/+	
immunoglobulin superfamily, member 8	IGSF8	AW061299	106820 at		1.25	1.72	1.21	2.03			+/+	
inactive X specific transcripts	XIST	L04961	99126 at		2.05	1.131	4.59	28.05	2	0.047	+/+	
inhibitor of DNA binding 1	Idb1	M31885	100050 at	P to A	0.62	0.20	0.09	0.33			+/+	
inhibitor of DNA binding 2	Idb2	AF077861	93013 at		2.07	3.73	2.48	6.36	4	0.046	+/+	Y
inhibitor of DNA binding 3	Idb3	M60523	92614 at	P to A	0.51	0.22	0.15	0.42			+/+	
inhibitor of DNA binding 4	Idb4	AJ001972	96144 at	P to A	0.81	0.10	0.05	0.33			+/+	
inositol 1,4,5-trisphosphate receptor 1	IPR1	X15373	94977 at		1.36	2.11	1.93	3.61			+/+	
inositol 1,4,5-trisphosphate receptor 5	IPR5	AF031127	101441 f at		1.95	4.69	2.95	10.20	2	0.009	+/+	Y
inositol polyphosphate phosphatase-like 1	IPPL1	U92477	102988 at	A to P	1.71	2.07	1.58	2.41		0.023	+/+	
insulin-like growth factor 1	IGF1	X04480	95546 g at	P to A	0.48	0.08	0.02	0.13			+/+	
insulin-like growth factor 2 receptor	IGF2r	U04710	95117 at		1.34	2.45	1.75	3.46		0.010	+/+	Y
insulin-like growth factor binding protein 4	IGFBP4	X76066	101571 g at	P to A	0.77	0.14	0.03	0.30			+/+	
insulin-like growth factor binding protein 5	IGFBP5	L12447	100566 at		1.45	2.58	1.62	4.41			+/+	
insulin-like growth factor binding protein 6	IGFBP6	X81584	103904 at	P to A	0.62	0.04	0.03	0.12	1	0.023	+/+	Y
integral membrane protein 2A	ITM2A	L38971	93511 at		0.88	0.13	0.07	0.27			+/+	
integrin beta 1 binding protein 1	ITGB1P1	AJ001373	100990 g at		0.56	0.29	0.22	0.37			+/+	
integrin beta 4	ITGB4	L04678	103305 at	A to P	1.43	2.19	1.55	3.29			+/+	
interferon activated gene 205	ITG205	M74123	94224 s at		0.91	0.29	0.10	0.46			+/+	
interferon dependent positive acting transcription factor 3 gamma	ISGF3g	U51992	103634 at		1.26	1.96	1.36	2.77			+/+	
interferon inducible protein 1	IFI1	U19119	97409 at		1.46	3.41	1.54	4.56			+/+	
interferon regulatory factor 6	IRF6	U73029	92440 at		1.35	2.79	2.03	4.05	2	0.036	+/+	Y
interferon stimulated gene 12	ISG12	A158810	92718 at		0.53	0.15	0.04	0.23			+/+	
interferon stimulated gene 12	ISG12	AA763004	104467 at		1.61	4.03	2.73	8.22			+/+	
interferon, alpha-inducible protein	IFIP2	AV152244	161511 f at	A to P	3.63	13.09	3.73	38.85			+/+	
interferon, alpha-inducible protein	IFIP2	X56602	98822 at	A to P	1.92	5.43	2.41	8.06			+/+	
interferon-induced protein with tetraicosopeptide repeats 1	ITIR1	U43084	100981 at	A to P	1.22	5.50	2.95	17.63			+/+	
interleukin 25	IL25	AW045739	96318 at		1.37	1.69	1.54	2.23		0.005	+/+	
interleukin 6 signal transducer	IL6ST	A1843709	94345 at		0.67	0.17	0.10	0.34			+/+	
IQ motif containing GTPase activating protein 1	IQGAP1	AW209098	100561 at		1.66	2.08	1.48	3.84			+/+	
isochlorogenic acid 3-O-glucuronide	IR3	Y15001	99034 at		1.48	2.31	1.47	3.53	4	0.027	+/+	Y
isocitrate dehydrogenase 1 (NADP+), soluble	IDH1	AF020039	106574 at		0.70	0.41	0.32	0.67	3	0.015	+/+	
isocitrate dehydrogenase 2 (NADP+), mitochondrial	IDH2	U51167	95693 at		0.73	0.43	0.25	0.63	3	0.050	+/+	
isocitrate dehydrogenase 3 (NADP+), gamma	IDH3g	U68564	93029 at		0.66	0.58	0.49	0.74			+/+	
isovaleryl coenzyme A dehydrogenase	IVD	AW047743	104159 at		0.57	0.36	0.26	0.44	3	0.032	+/+	
Kangai 1 (suppression of tumorigenicity 6, prostate)	KAI1	D14683	95984 at		2.31	3.10	1.96	4.14	4	0.013	+/+	
keratin complex 1, acidic, gene 18	KRT18	M22832	94270 at		1.43	1.91	1.37	4.63			+/+	
keratin complex 1, acidic, gene 19	KRT19	M36120	92550 at	P to A	0.91	0.00	0.00	0.17	1	0.049	+/+	
keratin complex 2, basic, gene 8	KRT2-8	AU040563	102121 f at	P to A	1.18	0.04	0.02	0.09	1	0.042	+/+	Y
kinase domain member 165	KIT	U10864	93956 at		1.32	1.73	1.30	2.62		0.037	+/+	
Kruppel-like factor 4 (gut)	KLF4	U03044	99522 at		1.62	2.64	1.75	3.94			+/+	
L-3-hydroxyacyl-Coenzyme A dehydrogenase, short chain	LDHAC	D20344	99522 at		0.69	0.23	0.19	0.44	3	0.003	+/+	Y
lactoferrin	LF	X33639	94485 at		1.45	0.95	0.39	0.98	3	0.005	+/+	
lamin B1, variant 1	LAMB1-1	X05215	101045 at		0.67	0.24	0.03	0.22			+/+	
lamin A/C, variant 2	LAMB2	U17147	92365 at	P to A	0.67	0.10	0.05	0.20	1	0.018	+/+	
latent transforming growth factor beta binding protein 2	LTP2	AF004874	92335 at		2.10	2.36	1.43	10.27			+/+	
latent transforming growth factor beta binding protein 4	LTP4	AA038868	97347 at	P to A	0.57	0.22	0.16	0.30			+/+	
leixin	LEX1	D88769	96065 at		1.71	3.41	2.33	3.84	2		+/+	
lectin, galactose binding, soluble 1	LGALS1	X15986	99669 at		0.63	0.16	0.09	0.29			+/+	
lectin, mannose-binding, 1	LGALN1	AW108371	180270 at		1.38	2.51	1.65	3.27	2	0.037	+/+	
leirin	LEIR	A1882416	98423 at	P to A	0.45	0.17	0.10	0.39			+/+	
leucine rich repeat (in FLN) interacting protein 1	LRP1	A1891475	92564 at	P to A	1.83	3.92	2.17	6.73	4	0.034	+/+	
leukotriene C4 synthase	LC4S	U27195	92401 at	P to A	0.61	0.20	0.10	0.35			+/+	

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NADH dehydrogenase (ubiquinone) Fe-S protein 5	Ndufs5	AB52355	99593 at	P to A	0.74	0.61	0.51	0.76		0.040	-/-	
NADH dehydrogenase (ubiquinone) laccaprotein 1	Ndufa1	AB46127	98267 at	P to A	0.68	0.48	0.42	0.62		0.023	+/+	
neclin	Ndn	D76440	101059 at	A to P	0.56	0.06	0.03	0.15	2		+/+	Y
nephrectin		AA592182	103721 at	A to P	6.83	49.87	23.26	93.70		0.042	+/+	
nestin	Nes	AA061260	103549 at		2.32	5.62	2.39	12.21			+/+	
neuroepithelial cell transforming gene 1	Nect1	A1010045	94223 at	P to A	0.68	0.39	0.25	0.56		0.016	+/+	N
neurostatin	Nnat	X83569	97520 s at	A to P	0.27	0.02	0.01	0.05			+/+	
neuropeptide Y	Npy	AB483386	103235 at	A to P	4.58	43.41	9.45	298.17			+/+	
neuropilin	Nrp	D50086	95016 at		0.82	0.18	0.13	0.31	3	0.004	+/+	
nicotinamide N-methyltransferase	Nimt	U66108	101475 at	P to A	0.54	0.03	0.02	0.05			+/+	
nidogen 1	Nid1	L17424	100120 at		0.62	0.14	0.09	0.25			+/+	
nidogen 2	Nid2	AB017202	93563 s at	P to A	0.56	0.19	0.01	0.39			+/+	
Niemann Pick type C2	Npc2	AB021289	100344 at		0.60	0.54	0.44	0.63		0.019	+/+	
nitric oxide synthase 3, endothelial cell	Nos3	U53142	94167 at	P to A	0.19	0.07	0.05	0.15			+/+	
N-myc downstream regulated 1	Ndr2	AV249686	161610 at	P to A	0.64	0.20	0.09	0.40			+/+	
N-myc downstream regulated 2	Ndr2	AB033921	96088 at	P to A	0.55	0.11	0.04	0.32			+/+	
nuclear factor I/X	Nfix	AA002843	100307 at		2.30	3.86	2.69	8.88			+/+	
nuclear factor of kappa light chain gene enhancer in B-cells inhibitor, 1	Nkfbia	U57524	101554 at		1.20	0.50	0.38	0.68			-/-	
nuclear protein 95	Np95	D87908	99564 at	P to A	1.12	1.91	1.26	2.93			+/+	
nuclear receptor subfamily 1, group H, member 3	Nr1h3	AF085745	104381 at	P to A	0.57	0.10	0.08	0.13	3	0.039	+/+	Y
nuclear receptor subfamily 4, group A, member 1	Nr4a1	X16995	102371 at	A to P	1.56	3.51	2.06	6.06	2	0.040	+/+	
nucleobindin 2	Nucb2	A3222586	102197 at		2.59	6.32	2.75	11.47	2	0.038	+/+	
nosomucoid 1	Orn1	M27008	100437 g at	P to A	0.42	0.02	0.01	0.03			+/+	
nosomucoid 2	Orn2	M27008	100436 at	P to A	0.38	0.01	0.01	0.04			+/+	
osteoblast specific factor 2 (fascin-like)	Osf2-pending	D13664	925893 at		1.11	0.15	0.08	0.54	1	0.024	+/+	Y
osteocalcin-related protein	Ogpr	L24430	102801 at		1.55	4.17	2.06	9.06			+/+	
osteoglycin	Ogn	D31951	99549 at	P to A	0.67	0.08	0.04	0.16			+/+	
oxoglutarate dehydrogenase (lipoamide)	Ogdh	AB52338	96879 at	P to A	0.68	0.06	0.03	0.12			+/+	
oxysterol binding protein-like 1	Oxblp1	AW124363	94439 at		0.70	0.47	0.33	0.55			+/+	
p53 apoptosis effector related to Pmp22	Perp	D17571	99019 at		0.77	0.30	0.17	0.34	2	0.010	+/+	Y
parathyroid hormone receptor 1	Pth1r	AB54029	97825 at	P to A	1.86	4.07	3.14	4.63			+/+	
PDZ and LIM domain 3	Pdlim3	X78936	98482 at	P to A	0.68	0.03	0.05	0.21			+/+	
perlecan	Ple	AF002283	101089 at	P to A	0.88	0.12	0.04	0.17			+/+	
perlecan myelin protein	Pmp22	Z38110	102395 at		0.56	0.21	0.11	0.34			+/+	
peroxisome proliferator activated receptor gamma	Ppar-g	U10374	97926 s at	P to A	0.42	0.02	0.01	0.04			+/+	Y
phenylethanolamine C-2' antiporter (emopamil) binding protein	Pebp2a	X97755	96627 at	P to A	1.16	1.65	1.31	1.93		0.041	+/+	
phosphatidic acid phosphatase 2a	Pip2a	D84376	98508 s at	P to A	0.62	0.32	0.05	0.48	3	0.015	+/+	
phosphatidylinositol glycan, class R	PigR	AB001469	99926 at		2.59	2.79	2.20	7.73			+/+	
phosphodiesterase 8A	Pde8a	AF067806	100941 at	P to A	0.82	0.19	0.09	0.30	1	0.005	+/+	Y
phosphodiesterase 9A	Pde9a	AF031147	102338 at	P to A	1.56	4.20	2.58	7.52			+/+	
phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase 1, cytosolic	Pck1	AF006605	100481 at	P to A	0.36	0.01	0.01	0.04			+/+	
phosphoglucomutase 2	Pgm2	AB42432	104313 at		0.52	0.29	0.23	0.33	3	0.006	+/+	
phosphoglucomutase 3	Pgm3	AW120625	95420 at		0.71	0.52	0.40	0.71			+/+	
phosphoglycerate kinase 2	Pgm2	AF029843	92599 at	P to A	0.11	0.03	0.01	0.07			+/+	
phospholipid transfer protein	Pltp	U28960	100521 at	P to A	0.57	0.08	0.04	0.14			+/+	
phosphotyrosine kinase alpha 2	Prka2	AA822296	104003 at	P to A	0.72	0.23	0.15	0.38			+/+	
phytanoyl-CoA hydroxylase	Phyh	AF023463	96608 at		0.72	0.44	0.28	0.73	3	0.010	+/+	
placenta-specific 8	Plac8	AA790307	98092 at		0.93	0.33	0.17	0.54	1	0.040	+/+	
plasma membrane associated protein, S3-12	S3-12-pending	AF064748	102763 at	P to A	0.48	0.00	0.00	0.01			+/+	
platelet derived growth factor receptor, alpha polypeptide	Pdgfra	M57683	95079 at	P to A	0.72	0.14	0.10	0.29			+/+	
platelet derived growth factor receptor, beta polypeptide	Pdgfrb	X04367	100897 at	P to A	0.86	0.41	0.27	0.84			+/+	
pleckstrin homology-like domain, family A, member 1	Pih1a1	U44088	100829 at		2.00	3.97	2.48	8.88			+/+	
pleckstrin homology-like domain, family A, member 3	Pih1a3	AB48214	98056 at		0.59	0.17	0.06	0.33			+/+	
pleiotrophin	Pti	D90225	974747 at	P to A	0.80	0.06	0.02	0.10			+/+	
potassium channel, subfamily K, member 1	Kcnk1	AF030017	102335 at	P to A	1.83	3.94	2.67	6.15			+/+	
potassium channel, subfamily K, member 2	Kcnk2	AB49601	104052 at	P to A	0.48	0.17	0.12	0.26			+/+	
potassium intermediate conductance calcium-activated channel, 1	Kcnk4	AF061087	102194 at		2.68	10.08	5.62	13.18	2	0.031	+/+	
pre-pore protein 1	Ppk1	U55191	94068 at		0.58	0.20	0.13	0.28	3	0.010	+/+	
pro-podan	Ppn	U13219	94305 at		0.74	0.60	0.39	0.66			+/+	
procollagen, type I, alpha 1	Col1a1	U13219	94305 at		0.93	0.26	0.15	0.62	1	0.043	+/+	
procollagen, type I, alpha 2	Col1a2	X69253	101130 at		1.03	0.30	0.14	0.62			+/+	
procollagen, type III, alpha 1	Col3a1	X67046	99331 at		1.18	0.18	0.11	0.46			+/+	
procollagen, type III, alpha 2	Col3a2	AF055109	102900 at		1.03	0.14	0.10	0.46	1	0.010	+/+	
procollagen, type IV, alpha 1	Col4a1	M15832	101093 at		0.67	0.47	0.33	0.69	3	0.019	+/+	
procollagen, type IV, alpha 2	Col4a2	X04647	101039 at		0.89	0.30	0.20	0.51			+/+	
procollagen, type IX, alpha 1	Col9a1	L12215	104483 at	A to P	4.29	13.36	7.84	37.01			+/+	

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RIKEN cDNA 1110020803Rik		A1851387	102922 at		1.18	2.53	1.88	3.53	2	0.013	2	0.013	+/+
RIKEN cDNA 1110020819Rik		AW047874	103773 at		0.48	0.35	0.21	0.61					+/+
RIKEN cDNA 1110020915Rik		AW046238	94078 at	P to A	0.78	0.59	0.41	0.69	3	0.019	3	0.019	+/+
RIKEN cDNA 1110021007Rik		A1846382	93883 at	P to A	0.58	0.38	0.29	0.45	3	0.008	3	0.008	+/+
RIKEN cDNA 1110025612Rik		A1461631	104325 at	P to A	0.59	0.02	0.01	0.11					+/+
RIKEN cDNA 1110032019Rik		A1853294	97386 at		0.57	0.30	0.16	0.42	3	0.010	3	0.010	+/+
RIKEN cDNA 119002123Rik		A1854358	160359 at		0.55	0.14	0.10	0.32					+/+
RIKEN cDNA 11900215Rik		AW125453	98594 at	P to A	0.69	0.30	0.17	0.40					+/+
RIKEN cDNA 119002610Rik		A1852865	160112 at		1.39	2.30	1.95	3.05	4	0.019	4	0.019	+/+
RIKEN cDNA 1200020213Rik		AW120643	96708 at	P to A	1.42	1.93	1.43	2.20	2	0.040	2	0.040	+/+
RIKEN cDNA 1200021523Rik		A1854863	98633 at		2.44	2.74	0.18	0.31	3	0.009	3	0.009	+/+
RIKEN cDNA 1200015608Rik		A1845370	93590 at		2.28	2.77	1.87	4.20	2	0.008	2	0.008	+/+
RIKEN cDNA 130002143Rik		A1853531	93975 at		1.43	3.51	2.41	4.79	2	0.016	2	0.016	+/+
RIKEN cDNA 13000213Rik		AA871791	102952 at		1.59	2.68	1.32	6.50	3	0.041	3	0.041	+/+
RIKEN cDNA 1300030303Rik		AW061302	93844 at		0.69	0.34	0.26	0.43					+/+
RIKEN cDNA 1500040F11Rik		AW121336	96643 at	P to A	0.69	0.11	0.04	0.30					+/+
RIKEN cDNA 1600023A02Rik		AW125480	97413 at		4.19	8.63	3.92	16.30	4	0.040	4	0.040	+/+
RIKEN cDNA 1620401E04Rik		A1848173	98900 at		0.66	0.49	0.35	0.70	3	0.009	3	0.009	+/+
RIKEN cDNA 1700012G19Rik		A1848173	98900 at		1.95	3.81	2.64	6.23					+/+
RIKEN cDNA 1700051C09Rik		AV280411	161227 f at		2.92	5.21	3.51	7.11	4	0.025	4	0.025	+/+
RIKEN cDNA 1810015C04Rik		AW122893	95518 at		1.68	3.53	2.39	4.53	2	0.013	2	0.013	+/+
RIKEN cDNA 1810044O22Rik		A1850017	103619 at		0.62	0.24	0.18	0.32	3	0.043	3	0.043	+/+
RIKEN cDNA 2300006M17Rik		AW045317	97933 at		1.55	3.20	2.16	4.76					+/+
RIKEN cDNA 2310005P05Rik		A1838150	160916 at	P to A	0.39	0.06	0.03	0.20					+/+
RIKEN cDNA 2310009N05Rik		AW063773	168001 at		1.59	3.10	2.04	3.51	2	0.019	2	0.019	+/+
RIKEN cDNA 2310016A09Rik		AW049373	96122 at		0.42	0.08	0.04	0.11					+/+
RIKEN cDNA 2310020A21Rik		A1738973	100043 f at	A to P	1.88	2.81	1.42	4.72	4	0.047	4	0.047	+/+
RIKEN cDNA 2310047E01Rik		A1314958	103905 f at	A to P	4.07	15.67	5.31	23.75					+/+
RIKEN cDNA 2310075E07Rik		A1845915	104100 at		0.40	0.06	0.05	0.09					+/+
RIKEN cDNA 2400003B06Rik		AW046723	100074 at		1.96	2.51	1.56	4.35					+/+
RIKEN cDNA 2410091N08Rik		AW046563	103912 at	P to A	0.52	0.48	0.23	0.70					+/+
RIKEN cDNA 2610001E17Rik		AW122012	160298 at		0.59	0.08	0.05	0.22	1	0.039	1	0.039	+/+
RIKEN cDNA 2610019F03Rik		A1846549	100902 at	P to A	0.50	0.26	0.21	0.33					+/+
RIKEN cDNA 26100215P08Rik		A1853551	104146 at	P to A	0.84	0.08	0.04	0.15					+/+
RIKEN cDNA 2610042L04Rik		A1853444	93569 f at	P to A	1.18	0.10	0.03	0.28					+/+
RIKEN cDNA 2610042L04Rik		A1853444	93568 f at	P to A	1.26	0.08	0.01	0.28	1	0.006	1	0.006	+/+
RIKEN cDNA 261020716Rik		A1648018	96096 f at		0.65	0.38	0.21	0.56					+/+
RIKEN cDNA 261020716Rik		A1648018	96095 f at		0.54	0.31	0.20	0.45					+/+
RIKEN cDNA 261050915Rik		AW121399	103938 at		0.60	0.30	0.24	0.46					+/+
RIKEN cDNA 2700030M23Rik		AW011791	96935 at		1.69	2.58	1.75	4.08					+/+
RIKEN cDNA 3110001A13Rik		A1641158	96640 at	P to A	1.02	0.44	0.30	0.61	1	0.019	1	0.019	+/+
RIKEN cDNA 3110003A17Rik		A4833425	96135 at		1.70	2.31	1.65	3.01	4	0.016	4	0.016	+/+
RIKEN cDNA 3110038L01Rik		A1844396	95135 at		0.50	0.26	0.19	0.33					+/+
RIKEN cDNA 3110043O21Rik		A1845885	100464 at		0.45	0.19	0.13	0.24					+/+
RIKEN cDNA 3930401E15Rik		A1846109	160193 f at		1.30	2.04	1.37	2.33					+/+
RIKEN cDNA 4631408O11Rik		AW046694	104445 at		0.55	0.08	0.03	0.13					+/+
RIKEN cDNA 4921515A04Rik		A1642088	104494 at		0.53	0.33	0.15	0.54	3	0.008	3	0.008	+/+
RIKEN cDNA 4930488L10Rik		AA727410	97349 at		0.89	0.47	0.33	0.75					+/+
RIKEN cDNA 4931406C07Rik		A1259972	96090 g at		1.21	2.66	1.89	3.39	2	0.028	2	0.028	+/+
RIKEN cDNA 4931406C07Rik		A1259972	96089 at		0.97	2.06	1.56	2.99					+/+
RIKEN cDNA 5530401C11Rik		A1155273	100765 at		1.30	2.58	1.24	3.58					+/+
RIKEN cDNA 5530600A10Rik		AW125433	94955 at	P to A	0.58	0.44	0.04	0.80					-/-
RIKEN cDNA 5730551F12Rik		AW125430	160193 at		1.28	1.77	1.57	2.03					0.019
RIKEN cDNA 6030432N09Rik		A1851332	98413 at		1.32	1.61	1.30	2.14					+/+
RIKEN cDNA 6330514W23Rik		AW048944	97496 f at		0.63	0.16	0.09	0.51	1	0.020	1	0.020	+/+
RIKEN cDNA 6430402H10Rik		A1837615	97279 at		0.63	0.54	0.41	0.78					-/-
RIKEN cDNA 6430402H10Rik		A1837615	97279 at		0.63	0.54	0.41	0.78					-/-
RIKEN cDNA 9130009C22Rik		AA959954	103446 at		1.48	2.39	1.56	4.20					+/+
RIKEN cDNA 9130415E20Rik		A1848668	95020 at		0.72	0.32	0.19	0.46					+/+
RIKEN cDNA 9630044O09Rik		A1835524	160246 at	A to P	3.04	6.28	2.69	30.27	2	0.019	2	0.019	+/+
RIKEN cDNA A230075M03Rik		AW081234	108897 at		0.70	0.35	0.20	0.45					+/+
RIKEN cDNA A43006805Rik		A1855965	97826 at		0.60	0.05	0.03	0.13	3	0.012	3	0.012	+/+
RIKEN cDNA B430320C24Rik		A1606967	97711 at	P to A	0.34	0.11	0.03	0.26					+/+
RIKEN cDNA B430320C24Rik		AA717225	160989 f at	P to A	0.46	0.07	0.04	0.09					+/+
RIKEN cDNA C030048H19Rik		AW122114	92526 f at		1.04	2.23	1.33	3.63					+/+
RIKEN cDNA C330027C09Rik		AA590345	160973 at		1.51	2.31	1.58	3.27	4	0.042	4	0.042	+/+
RIKEN cDNA C730036B01Rik		AA690483	103257 at		0.66	0.27	0.16	0.40					+/+

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succinate-CoA ligase, GDP-forming, alpha subunit	Sucp1	AB040979	96268 at		0.72	0.44	0.35	0.58			+/+	
sulfide quione reductase-like (yeast)	Srd1	AW208628	94515 at		0.58	0.37	0.29	0.64	3	0.041	+/+	
sulfotransferase family 1A, phenol-preferring, member 1	Sult1a1	U02331	103087 at	P to A	0.61	0.02	0.01	0.04	3	0.042	+/+	
superoxide dismutase 3, extracellular	Sod3	U88261	94902 at		0.60	0.32	0.23	0.51			+/+	
suppressor of cytokine signaling 2	Socs2	U88327	94745 at		2.26	14.22	5.74	19.56	2	0.034	+/+	
sushi-repeat-containing protein	Srxp	AB028049	103568 at	P to A	0.68	0.10	0.06	0.25	1	0.008	+/+	Y
synaptosomal complex protein 3	Sytc3	AW12131	93994 at		0.54	0.15	0.12	0.22	3	0.007	+/+	
synovial sarcoma, X breakpoint 2 interacting protein	Sxx2ip	AW122911	96723 f at		1.49	2.04	1.60	2.58			+/+	
Sytraxin 8	BC019633	AA645293	97977 f		1.37	2.04	1.54	2.53			+/+	
synuclein, gamma	Sncg	AF062363	161859 f at		0.49	0.13	0.07	0.23			+/+	
synuclein, gamma	Sncg	AF017255	104280 at	P to A	0.43	0.01	0.00	0.02			+/+	
TCDD-inducible poly(ADP-ribose) polymerase	Trpm2	AW120868	93985 at	P to A	0.57	0.21	0.06	0.85			+/+	
1-cell immunoglobulin and mucin domain containing 2	Tmcd2	AA966114	103794 f at		1.52	2.38	1.64	3.14	4	0.010	+/+	
1-cell immunoglobulin and mucin domain containing 2	Tmcd2	AA795198	97335 at		1.52	2.06	1.77	2.66	4	0.040	+/+	Y
1-cell lymphoma invasion and metastasis 1	Tlm1	U05245	102283 at		1.51	2.06	1.77	2.66	4	0.040	+/+	
tensin like C1 domain-containing phosphatase	Tenc1	AF854794	96825 at	P to A	0.62	0.18	0.03	0.40			+/+	
terranectin (plasminogen binding protein)	Tnc1	X79199	92224 at	P to A	1.13	0.06	0.03	0.17	1	0.041	+/+	
TG interacting factor	Tgf	U88749	101502 at		1.33	3.36	1.37	4.86			+/+	
thether S-methyltransferase	Tent	M88694	97402 at	P to A	0.88	0.05	0.03	0.13			+/+	
thrombospondin 1	Tbs1	X14432	104501 at	P to A	0.84	0.29	0.18	0.41	1	0.033	+/+	
thrombospondin type 1 domain containing gene	Thsd1	M62470	160469 at		1.96	4.92	1.88	9.51			+/+	
thymus cell antigen 1, theta	Thy1	AB016768	98312 at	P to A	1.04	0.03	0.02	0.04	1	0.000	+/+	
thyroid hormone responsive SPOT14 homolog (Rattus)	Thy1	M12379	99057 at	P to A	1.17	0.18	0.05	0.37			+/+	
thyroid stimulating hormone receptor	Thsr	X95279	160306 at		0.72	0.07	0.04	0.19			+/+	
thyroid stimulating hormone receptor	Thsr	U02602	98328 at	P to A	0.40	0.03	0.01	0.16			+/+	
tissue inhibitor of metalloproteinase 3	Timp3	U26437	160519 at		0.83	0.29	0.18	0.38			+/+	
Tnf receptor associated factor 4	Traf4	AV109562	162482 at		1.40	2.10	1.88	2.51	2	0.037	+/+	Y
Tnf receptor associated factor 4	Traf4	X92346	100005 at		1.48	2.04	1.45	2.48			+/+	Y
transaldolase 1	Taldo1	U67611	95066 at		0.77	0.42	0.32	0.61			+/+	
transcobalamin 2	Tnc2	AF090686	93736 at		1.43	3.12	2.25	4.79			+/+	
transcription factor AP-2, gamma	Tcfap2c	X94694	92275 at		4.23	2.69	5.98		2	0.040	+/+	Y
transforming growth factor alpha	Tgfa	M92420	92369 at	A to P	1.72	4.82	2.50	7.31	2	0.050	+/+	Y
transforming growth factor beta 1 induced transcript 4	Tgfb14	X62940	93728 at		0.82	0.38	0.31	0.48	1	0.009	+/+	
transforming growth factor, beta induced	Tgfb1	L19932	92877 at		0.87	0.34	0.23	0.54	1	0.013	+/+	Y
transgelin	Tgln	Z68618	93541 at		0.93	0.18	0.13	0.31			+/+	
transketolase	Tkt	U05809	101964 at		0.71	0.30	0.19	0.53			+/+	
translocating chain-associating membrane protein 1	Tam1	AB44979	98956 at		1.19	2.20	1.60	2.60			+/+	
transmembrane 4 superfamily member 3	Tm4s3	AB047972	103494 at	A to P	3.92	24.25	14.52	31.78	2	0.014	+/+	
tropomyosin T3, skeletal, fast	Tm3	L48989	92885 at	P to A	0.20	0.02	0.01	0.12			+/+	
tryptophan hydroxylase 1	Tph1	J04758	99972 at	P to A	0.98	0.05	0.01	0.10			+/+	
TSG118.1		AF034580	160872 f at		1.61	2.43	1.79	3.78	4	0.024	+/+	
turfurin 1	Turf1	AF047704	102043 at	A to P	1.85	2.63	2.19	3.64	2	0.035	+/+	
tumor differentially expressed 1	Tde1	L29441	100151 at		1.44	2.41	1.36	2.99			+/+	
tumor necrosis factor receptor superfamily, member 11a	Tnfrsf11a	AF019046	101632 at		1.61	2.73	1.62	5.74			+/+	
tumor protein D52	Tpd52	U44426	160249 at		1.76	2.89	2.20	4.35	4	0.036	+/+	
tumor protein D52-like 1	Tpd52l1	AF004428	101446 at	A to P	2.72	12.13	7.26	21.41	2	0.006	+/+	Y
tumor-associated calcium signal transducer 1	Tacst1	M76124	99582 at		2.09	6.15	3.78	9.32	4	0.016	+/+	Y
twist gene homolog 1 (Drosophila)	Twt1	M31649	98028 at	P to A	0.73	0.04	0.02	0.09			+/+	
tyrosine 3-monooxygenase/tyrosinase 5-monooxygenase activation	Ywhaq	AW215489	97061 g at		0.99	1.41	1.12	1.96			-/-	
tyrosine kinase receptor 1	Tie1	AV235418	161184 f at		0.85	0.24	0.16	0.39			+/+	
tyrosyl-RNA synthetase	C77080	AW045507	100697 at		1.28	1.96	1.30	2.60			+/+	
U2 small nuclear ribonucleoprotein auxiliary factor (U2AF) 1	Uza1	AA693246	97486 at		1.93	2.17	1.82	3.48			+/+	
ubiquitin-cytochrome c reductase core protein 1	Uqcrc1	AW125380	101988 at		0.67	0.47	0.29	0.74			-/-	
ubiquitin specific protease 18	Usp18	AW047653	95024 at	A to P	0.92	5.66	2.51	13.93			+/+	
UDP-glucosyltransferase 1 family, polypeptide A6	Ugt1a6	U16818	99580 s at	P to A	0.64	0.12	0.09	0.26	3	0.000	+/+	
UDP-Gal beta-GlcNAc beta 1-3-galactosyltransferase, polypeptide 2	B3gal2	AF029791	92341 at	P to A	0.31	0.03	0.02	0.05			+/+	
UDP-Gal beta-GlcNAc beta 1-3-galactosyltransferase, polypeptide 3	B3gal3	AF029792	98960 s at	P to A	0.51	0.11	0.06	0.21			+/+	
UDP-Gal beta-GlcNAc beta 1-4-galactosyltransferase, polypeptide 6	B4gal6	AW125314	102336 at		2.38	7.46	4.35	11.55	2	0.036	+/+	
UDP-N-acetyl-alpha-D-glucosamine (N-acetylneuraminy)-	Galt1	U18975	103367 at		1.51	2.81	1.54	3.68			+/+	
UDP-N-acetyl-alpha-D-glucosamine polypeptide N-	Galm10	AW121380	102352 at		1.77	4.03	2.35	6.73			+/+	
UDP-N-acetyl-alpha-D-glucosamine polypeptide N-	Galm3	U07638	99011 at		2.12	7.16	4.56	12.13	2	0.030	+/+	
UDP-N-acetyl-alpha-D-glucosamine polypeptide N-	Galm3	AF053653	163313 f at		2.02	5.13	2.33	8.11	4	0.030	+/+	
uncoupling protein 1, mitochondrial	Ucp1	AF294354	161422 f at		0.58	0.19	0.13	0.32			+/+	
uncoupling protein 1, mitochondrial	Ucp1	M21247	99507 at	P to A	0.25	0.01	0.00	0.01			+/+	
uridine monophosphate kinase	Umpk	L31763	94381 at		0.58	0.51	0.37	0.88	3	0.010	+/+	
vascular cell adhesion molecule 1	Vcam1	X88903	94725 f at	P to A	0.54	0.22	0.12	0.53			+/+	
		U12884	92559 at	P to A	0.58	0.34	0.24	0.45			+/+	

Table II-1. Global ErbB2/Neu Mammary Tumor Molecular Signature. 818 genes were changed according to Affymetrix algorithms in all tumors compared to wild-type control mammary tissues. Note: ESTs have been annotated from public database information as of 1/2004

Gene Name	Common	Genbank	Affymetrix	Absolute call*	ANvsWT			Fold Change [§]			SOM Cl # [†]	p-value [‡]	Repeated Observation**	RT-PCR Confirmation ^{§§}
					Median	Minimum	Maximum	Median	Minimum	Maximum				
vascular endothelial growth factor B	Vegfb	U43836	103001 at		0.53	0.35	0.29	0.47					+/+	
erb-b2 erythroblastic leukemia viral oncogene homolog 3 (avian)	ErbB3	A100228	96771 at		1.66	3.73	1.71	5.46			2	0.045	+/+	
erb-b2 erythroblastic leukemia viral oncogene homolog 2	ERBB2	A1852571	94453 at		1.05	1.93	1.27	2.73				0.049	+/+	
vesicle-associated membrane protein 5	Vamp5	AF035643	92496 at	P to A	0.14	0.14	0.08	0.27					-/-	
villin 2	Vil2	X60671	100084 at		1.68	2.71	2.35	3.71			4	0.022	+/+	Y
vitamin D receptor	Vdr	AW061016	99964 at		1.71	1.89	1.39	2.36			2	0.039	+/-	
Von Willebrand factor homolog	Vwf	A1843063	103499 at	P to A	0.56	0.03	0.01	0.06			3	0.043	+/-	
WD-40 repeat-containing protein with a SOCS box 2	Wsb2-pending	AF033188	160296 at		1.24	1.73	1.59	2.11					+/+	
wee 1 homolog (S. pombe)	Wee1	D30743	101458 at		1.63	3.27	2.17	7.11			2	0.022	+/+	Y
WW domain binding protein 5	Whp5	U92454	100523 r at		1.67	2.99	1.73	4.89					+/+	
WW domain binding protein 5	Whp5	U92454	100522 s at		1.72	2.75	1.79	4.41			4	0.020	+/+	
xanthine dehydrogenase	Xdh	X75129	97950 at	A to P	12.90	13.45	7.36	47.84					+/+	
X-box binding protein 1	Xbp1	AW129880	94821 at		1.46	2.71	2.23	3.66				0.032	+/+	Y
zinc finger nonodox 1a	Znf1a	D75432	99052 at		0.72	0.31	0.15	0.53			1	0.024	+/-	Y
zinc finger protein 106	Zfp106	AW048037	99533 at		1.65	2.77	1.91	6.02					+/+	

* Absolute call is the Affymetrix parameter that measures detection. P=present A=absent. "A to P" indicates that a gene was called "absent" in control and "present" in tumor. If a gene changes from absent to present or vice versa, the fold change is irrelevant.

§ Fold change was derived from the Affymetrix signal log ratio (SLR). AN= adjacent *new*, WT=wild-type control, and TU=tumor. The shaded areas denote <3.4 fold changed TuvsWT.

† "SOM Cl. # = self-organizing map cluster number. Clusters are shown in Figure 3B.

‡ p-value was calculated for average tumor versus average control using Welch's t-test with the Benjamini and Hochberg Multiple Testing Correction (False Discovery Rate of 5%).

** Repeated observation indicates whether the gene was confirmed by microarray data from 2 additional independent tumor samples. "+/+" indicates confirmed by both tumors analyzed; "+/-" or "-/+" by one tumor; and "-/-" by neither tumor.

§§ Direction (increased/decreased) of expression confirmed by RealTime RT-PCR. "Y"=yes confirmed in 3 tumors, "2of3"= confirmed in 2 of 3 tumors, "1of3"= confirmed in 1 of 3 tumors, "N"=not confirmed. If blank, then not assayed.

Table II-2. Filtered ErbB2/Neu Mammary Tumor Molecular Signature.

Gene Name	Common	Genbank	Affymetrix	Absolute cal*	Fold Change [§]				SOM CI # [†]	p-value [‡]	Repeated Observation**	RT-PCR Confirmation ^{§§}
					ANVsWT			TUVsWT				
					Median	Median	Minimum					
	D2Erd93e	C77278	97165 r at	A to P	3.06	3.89	2.20	6.77	4	0.0236	+/+	
	Sqp2-ps2	X87685	95787 s at		0.55	0.41	0.23	0.73	3	0.0480	-/-	
	Adrb3; Adrb-3	X72862	92537 g at	P to A	0.28	0.03	0.01	0.04	3	0.0410	+/+	
	Decr1	A1844846	160711 at		0.55	0.21	0.14	0.25	3	0.0480	+/+	
	3-ketoacyl-CoA thiolase B	AW012588	99571 at	P to A	0.51	0.25	0.11	0.32	3	0.0060	+/+	
3-monooxygenase/tryptophan 5-monooxygenase activation protein, gamma polypeptide	Ywhag	U125041	95716 at		0.69	0.40	0.29	0.47		0.0122	+/+	
	Pass1	U34883	93298 at		1.32	2.97	1.91	4.03	2	0.0404	+/+	
	Pass2	AF052453	96713 at	P to A	0.71	0.22	0.12	0.43	1	0.0467	+/+	
	A kinase (PRKA) anchor protein (gravin) 12	AB020886	95022 at		1.03	2.48	2.16	4.44	2	0.0456	-/-	N
	absent in melanoma 1	AA711704	103443 at		1.39	3.66	2.13	4.26	2	0.0186	+/+	
acetyl-Coenzyme A acyltransferase 2 (mitochondrial 3-oxoacyl-Coenzyme A thiolase)												
	0610011104Rik	A1849271	95064 at		0.65	0.30	0.24	0.42	3	0.0050	+/+	
	Acta2	X13297	93100 at		0.87	0.18	0.11	0.26	1	0.0031	+/+	
	Adh1a7	U96401	94778 at	P to A	0.54	0.10	0.05	0.16	3	0.0050	+/+	
	Ado3	AW121134	160546 at		4.82	14.52	9.19	24.76	2	0.0230	+/+	
	Alad	X13752	101044 at		0.57	0.26	0.14	0.32	3	0.0375	+/+	
	Alas1	M63245	93500 at		0.79	0.52	0.37	0.66		0.0208	+/+	
	Alp2	M97216	93498 s at		0.64	0.41	0.28	0.53	3	0.0085	+/+	
	angiotensin-like 2	A1840158	103556 at	P to A	0.75	0.12	0.08	0.24	1	0.0101	+/+	Y
	Ank3	L40632	98477 s at	A to P	4.45	9.25	2.23	18.13	4	0.0233	+/+	
	apolipoprotein A-I binding protein	AA087124	94032 at		1.13	1.59	1.22	2.07		0.0227	+/+	
	ATPase, H+ transporting, lysosomal accessory protein 2	A1845103	160202 at		1.71	2.83	1.91	3.61	2	0.0267	+/+	
	ATPase, H+ transporting, V1 subunit A, isoform 1	AW123765	95746 at		1.21	2.60	2.16	3.29	2	0.0069	+/+	
	Alp6a1; Alp6a2	U13837	95745 g at		1.25	2.51	1.83	3.48	2	0.0225	+/+	
	ATPase, H+ transporting, V1 subunit E isoform 1	U13841	94532 at		1.16	1.91	1.44	2.79	4	0.0317	+/+	
	ATPase, Na+/K+ transporting, beta 3 polypeptide	U13841	94532 at		1.16	1.91	1.44	2.79	4	0.0317	+/+	
	ATPase, Na+/K+ transporting, beta 3 polypeptide	U59761	99579 at		0.75	0.48	0.41	0.62		0.0097	+/+	
	AU RNA binding protein/tenascin-like protein 1, NIP2	A1837724	96650 at		0.73	0.57	0.45	0.67		0.0187	+/+	
	BCL2/adenovirus E1B 19kDa-interacting protein 1, NIP2	AF035207	93064 at		0.79	0.45	0.33	0.55	3	0.0196	-/-	1of3
	Bcl2-associated athanogene 2	W71352	160962 at		1.60	2.17	1.68	2.64		0.0085	+/+	
	branched chain aminotransferase 2, mitochondrial	AF031467	100443 at		0.61	0.27	0.14	0.69	3	0.0403	+/+	
	Bckdhb	L16992	102302 at		0.59	0.33	0.28	0.47	3	0.0014	+/+	
	Cal	Y00884	95423 at		1.54	2.17	1.82	2.58	2	0.0070	+/+	
	calmodulin binding protein, intestinal	M27844	93293 at		1.05	1.78	1.45	2.23		0.0460	-/-	
	calmodulin 2	A1836968	96343 at		1.91	4.82	3.73	6.19	2	0.0234	+/+	
	calpain 12	AW226939	101538 i at	P to A	0.37	0.00	0.00	0.01	3	0.0189	+/+	
	carboxylesterase 3	U01170	95646 at		0.64	0.36	0.29	0.42	3	0.0083	+/+	
	carlantine palmitoyltransferase 2	U01170	95646 at		0.64	0.36	0.29	0.42	3	0.0083	+/+	
	CASP2 and RIPK1 domain containing adaptor with death domain	A3224738	102952 g at		1.24	2.41	1.89	3.25	2	0.0064	+/+	N
	catenin src	Z17804	98151 s at		1.22	2.69	1.68	4.79	2	0.0425	+/+	N
	cathepsin C	U74683	101019 at		1.40	2.14	1.55	2.77	2	0.0317	+/+	
	CD151 antigen	AF033620	97930 f at		0.77	0.59	0.50	0.74		0.0498	+/+	
	CD34 antigen	A1847784	160358 at	P to A	0.89	0.24	0.11	0.41	1	0.0123	+/+	
	CD36 antigen	L23108	93332 at	P to A	0.49	0.23	0.02	0.42	3	0.0306	+/+	
	CD9 antigen	L08115	95661 at		1.38	2.46	1.96	3.29		0.0098	+/+	
	cDNA sequence BC004728	AW049551	94423 at		1.77	5.90	2.53	8.22	2	0.0401	+/+	
	cDNA sequence BC011209	AW211793	160622 at	A to P	2.47	7.94	3.03	23.92	2	0.0289	+/+	
	cDNA sequence BC037006	AU017197	96518 at		1.96	4.86	2.58	7.16	2	0.0317	+/+	
	cDNA sequence BC050409	A118905	96237 at		0.65	0.19	0.08	0.45	3	0.0270	+/+	
	cell division cycle 2 homolog A (S. pombe)	M38724	100128 at		1.43	2.28	1.39	2.83	4	0.0289	+/+	
	cell division cycle 2 homolog A (S. pombe)	M38724	100128 at		1.43	2.28	1.39	2.83	4	0.0289	+/+	
	cell division cycle 34 homolog (S. cerevisiae)	AW120683	94048 at		0.81	0.50	0.29	0.75	3	0.0285	+/+	
	checkpoint kinase 1 homolog (S. pombe)	AF016583	103064 at		1.38	2.04	1.51	2.85	4	0.0356	-/-	Y
	chemokine (C-X-C motif) ligand 1	J04596	95348 at	A to P	2.92	5.94	2.95	30.48	4	0.0343	+/+	

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					ANVsWT		TUVsWT					
					Median	Median	Minimum	Max				
chemokine (C-X-C motif) ligand 12	Sdf1	L12030	100112 at	P to A	0.61	0.29	0.19	0.35	3	0.0208	+/+	
	Sdf1	AV139913	162234 f at	P to A	0.58	0.12	0.05	0.32	3	0.0008	+/+	
chloride intracellular channel 1		AF109905	95654 at		1.39	1.77	1.56	2.57		0.0467	+/+	
claudin 3	Cldn3	AF095905	94493 at		1.90	3.61	1.78	4.50	2	0.0408	+/+	Y
claudin 3	Cldn3	AV057837	162315 f at	A to P	1.72	2.99	1.83	4.63	4	0.0493	+/+	Y
claudin 7	Cldn7	AF087825	99561 f at		2.02	3.71	2.77	5.06	2	0.0349	+/+	Y
coagulation factor III	F3	M26071	97689 at		1.17	3.56	2.23	5.66	2	0.0242	+/+	
crystallin, alpha C	Crvac	A1848798	160139 at	P to A	0.69	0.26	0.16	0.34	3	0.0378	+/+	Y
C-terminal binding protein 2	Ctbp2	AF059735	160979 at		1.98	3.84	2.20	5.58	2	0.0428	+/+	
C-terminal binding protein 2	Ctbp2	M64403	92554 at		1.33	2.73	2.22	3.53	2	0.0289	+/+	Y
cyclin D1	CcnD1	M64403	94231 at	A to P	2.11	2.93	2.23	4.23	2	0.0394	+/+	Y
cysteine and glycine-rich protein 1	Csrp	D88793	92608 at		3.79	4.92	1.92	11.47	2	0.0267	+/+	
cysteine and glycine-rich protein 1	Csrp	A1837625	160065 s at		3.45	4.76	1.89	7.67	2	0.0234	+/+	
cysteine-rich protein 1 (intestinal)	Crip	M13018	94061 at		0.88	0.15	0.07	0.48	1	0.0208	+/+	
cysteine-rich protein 1 (intestinal)	Crip	AJ006215	98593 at		1.71	4.66	3.12	6.28	2	0.0050	+/+	
cytidine monophospho-N-acetylneuraminic acid synthetase	Cmas	A1854779	98533 at		0.69	0.44	0.32	0.50		0.0121	+/+	
cytochrome b-5	Cybb5	A1846517	103423 at		1.39	2.35	1.95	3.51	4	0.0248	+/+	
cytochrome c oxidase, subunit VIIB	Cox8b	AV260484	161205 at	P to A	0.52	0.10	0.06	0.26	3	0.0394	+/+	
cytochrome P450, family 4, subfamily b, polypeptide 1	Cyp4b1	D50834	103353 f at	P to A	0.70	0.28	0.11	0.34	1	0.0421	+/+	
cytochrome P450, family 4, subfamily b, polypeptide 1	Cyp4b1	AV376161	162044 f at	P to A	0.86	0.07	0.02	0.36	1	0.0050	+/+	
DEAD (Asp-Glu-Ala-Asp) box polypeptide 6	Ddx6	AF038995	93965 f at	A to P	1.82	4.50	2.58	10.56	4	0.0362	-/-	Y
death-associated protein	Dap	A1966445	93842 at		1.29	2.11	1.79	2.71		0.0083	+/+	
deoxyxycidine kinase	Dck	X77731	98071 f at		1.61	4.11	2.93	4.59	2	0.0133	+/+	
dermatopontin	Dpt	AA717826	96742 at		0.68	0.09	0.03	0.16	3	0.0064	+/+	Y
desmoglein 2	Dsg2	A152659	104480 at		4.11	6.11	2.75	13.00	4	0.0049	+/+	
diacylglycerol O-acyltransferase 1	Dgat1	AF078752	104371 at		0.45	0.13	0.08	0.16	3	0.0378	+/+	
differentially expressed in B16F10 1		AW124231	95478 at		1.27	2.33	1.45	3.29	4	0.0437	+/+	
differentially expressed in B16F10 1		D13139	103644 at	P to A	0.62	0.05	0.01	0.20	3	0.0368	+/+	
DNA segment, Chr 3, University of California at Los Angeles 1	D3Ucla1	A1843466	95708 at		1.82	2.58	2.04	3.66	4	0.0070	+/+	
DnaJ (Hsp40) homolog, subfamily C, member 8	Dnajc8	A1848094	95699 f at		0.80	0.57	0.43	0.67		0.0187	-/-	
downstream of tyrosine kinase 1	Dok1	U78818	102896 at	A to P	4.89	8.51	2.06	15.56	2	0.0208	+/+	Y
dual specificity phosphatase 6	Dusp6	A1845584	93285 at		3.07	10.41	8.57	13.64	2	0.0060	+/+	
electron transferring flavoprotein, beta polypeptide	Etf	AV046273	98947 at		0.50	0.24	0.19	0.33	3	0.0445	+/+	
elongation factor RNA polymerase II 2	Elf2	A1197161	103892 f at		1.27	2.30	1.66	3.23	4	0.0456	+/+	Y
enabled homolog (Drosophila)	Enah	D10727	100472 at	A to P	2.67	7.36	5.28	10.41	2	0.0133	+/+	Y
epoxide hydrolase 2, cytoplasmic	Ephx2	Z37107	93051 at		0.49	0.13	0.07	0.23	3	0.0437	+/+	
ets homologous factor	Etf	AF035527	102243 at	A to P	2.07	3.92	2.43	7.11	2	0.0490	+/+	Y
ets variant gene 1	Etv1	L10426	92927 at	A to P	5.54	34.06	19.56	55.33	2	0.0187	+/+	Y
eukaryotic translation initiation factor 4E binding protein 1	Elf4ebp1	U28656	100636 at		0.52	0.35	0.22	0.39	3	0.0178	+/+	
expressed sequence AA047659		AV048552	104434 at		1.03	1.61	1.24	2.23		0.0345	+/+	
expressed sequence C77080		AV232292	161696 f at		1.44	2.58	1.77	3.71	2	0.0375	+/+	
extracellular proteinase inhibitor	Expi	X93037	103051 at		2.79	3.58	2.97	6.77		0.0352	+/+	Y
F11 receptor	Fcrl1	U89915	103816 at		1.05	1.96	1.39	2.58	2	0.0289	+/+	
faciogenital dysplasia homolog (human)	Fgd1	U23235	93674 at	A to P	2.65	4.92	2.81	19.97	4	0.0297	+/+	
fasciculation and elongation protein zeta 2 (zyglin II)	D17Etd315e	A1851119	101934 at	P to A	0.97	0.47	0.26	0.63	1	0.0227	+/+	
fat specific gene 27	Fsp27	M61737	102016 at	P to A	0.49	0.00	0.00	0.01	3	0.0382	+/+	
fatty acid Coenzyme A ligase, long chain 2	Facl2	U15977	94507 at		0.51	0.13	0.11	0.19	3	0.0330	+/+	
fatty acid-Coenzyme A ligase, long chain 4		AA619207	102381 at		5.74	19.43	11.96	31.56	2	0.0210	+/+	
F-box and WD-40 domain protein 7, archipelago homolog (Drosophila)												Y
filamin, beta		AW120511	93667 at		1.57	2.85	1.61	7.36	4	0.0357	+/+	
		A1838592	95637 at		1.60	3.71	2.69	5.50	2	0.0181	+/+	
folate receptor 1 (adult)	Folr1	AV035020	162302 f at	A to P	2.18	3.66	3.10	9.19	4	0.0098	+/+	

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folliculin-like frizzled homolog 4 (Drosophila) fucosyltransferase 8 FXRD domain-containing ion transport regulator 3 gap junction membrane channel protein alpha 1 gap junction membrane channel protein beta 2 glucan (1,4-alpha-), branching enzyme 1 glutathione peroxidase 3 glutathione transferase zeta 1 (maleylacetoacetate isomerase) glycerol phosphate dehydrogenase 2, mitochondrial glycerol-3-phosphate acyltransferase, mitochondrial glycerol-3-phosphate dehydrogenase 1 (soluble) glycogenin 1 golgi phosphoprotein 3 growth arrest specific 6 growth hormone receptor guanine nucleotide binding protein, alpha inhibiting 1 hephaestin hexose-6-phosphate dehydrogenase (glucose 1-dehydrogenase) histocompatibility 2, class II antigen A, alpha homer homolog 2 (Drosophila) hydroxyacyl-Coenzyme A dehydrogenase/3-ketoacyl-Coenzyme A thioester/enoyl-Coenzyme A hydratase (trifunctional protein), beta subunit	Fstl Fzd4 Fut8 Fxyd3 Gja1 Cx26 Gbe1 Gpx3 Gstz1 Gdm1 Gpat Gdc1 Gygi1 Golph3 Gas6 Ghr Gnai1 Heph H2-Aa Homer2-pending	M91380 U43317 AB025198 X93038 M63801 M81445 AW210370 U13705 AV060750 D50430 U11680 AV290060 AW049730 AV060175 X59846 U15012 A1153412 AF082567 AA939571 X52643 AF093259	94833 at 95771.1 at 98143 at 103059 at 100064 f at 98423 at 98803 at 101676 at 160350 at 98984 f at 101867 at 161753 f at 100597 at 160688 at 99067 at 99108 s at 104412 at 104194 at 104148 at 92866 at 160695 i at		1.16 0.52 1.40 1.64 0.81 0.97 0.46 0.33 0.56 0.57 0.38 0.65 0.51 1.36 0.86 0.36 0.38 0.40 0.67 0.94 2.63	0.36 0.05 3.34 3.81 0.15 0.27 0.27 0.04 0.14 0.20 0.17 0.08 2.25 0.31 0.07 0.02 0.16 0.46 0.46 7.16	0.24 0.02 1.79 3.03 0.09 0.13 0.14 0.02 0.10 0.11 0.13 0.04 1.48 0.16 0.05 0.01 0.09 0.30 0.16 3.63	0.61 0.43 4.23 5.58 0.46 0.51 0.32 0.08 0.19 0.28 0.19 0.17 3.05 0.59 0.10 0.05 0.32 0.67 0.71 13.36	1 3 2 2 1 1 3				

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						ANvsWT	Median	Median	TUVsWT	Minimum	Max		
L-3-hydroxyacyl-Coenzyme A dehydrogenase, short chain	Hadhsac	D29639	95485 at			0.71	0.45	0.39	0.58	3	0.0049	+/+	
laminin B1 subunit 1	Lamb1-1	X05212	101948 at			0.67	0.24	0.14	0.41	1	0.0178	+/+	
latexin	Lxn	D88769	96065 at			1.71	3.41	2.33	3.84	2	0.0085	+/+	
lectin, mannose-binding, 1	Lman1	AW108371	160270 at			1.38	2.51	1.65	3.27	2	0.0365	+/+	
leucine rich repeat (in FliI) interacting protein 1	AU024550	A1891475	92564 at			1.83	3.92	2.17	6.73	4	0.0343	+/+	
ligase III, DNA, ATP-dependent	Lig3	U66058	102803 at			1.31	2.19	1.55	2.58	4	0.0252	+/+	Y
LIM domain only 4	Lmo4	AF074600	98122 at			2.00	4.56	2.46	8.00	2	0.0425	+/+	Y
Lpin 1	Lpin1	A1846934	98892 at			0.46	0.18	0.11	0.24	3	0.0219	+/+	
lipocalin 2	Lipocaln2	X81627	160564 at			2.68	6.92	4.35	9.65	2	0.0111	+/+	
liver-specific bHLH-Zip transcription factor	Lis17-pending	U49507	99452 at			1.57	2.06	1.71	2.89	2	0.0445	+/+	Y
LPS-induced TN factor	LPS-pending	A1852632	93753 at			1.38	2.57	1.97	3.63	2	0.0333	+/+	
lumican	Ldc	AF013262	93353 at			0.90	0.07	0.03	0.20	1	0.0095	+/+	
lymphoblastic leukemia	Ly1	X57687	100468 g at			0.86	0.31	0.25	0.51	1	0.0124	+/+	2003
lymphocyte antigen 6 complex, locus A	Ly6a	X04653	93078 at			0.93	0.19	0.09	0.66	1	0.0210	+/+	
manic fringe homolog (Drosophila)	Mfng	AF015769	100508 at			0.88	0.31	0.25	0.40	3	0.0245	+/+	Y
mannose receptor, C type 1	Mrc1	Z11974	103226 at			1.07	0.21	0.16	0.36	1	0.0387	+/+	
mannosidase 1, alpha	Man1a	A1021125	160579 at	P to A		0.95	0.13	0.02	0.39	1	0.0375	+/+	
MAP kinase-interacting serine/threonine kinase 2	Gprk7	A1845732	101007 at			0.61	0.29	0.17	0.43	3	0.0499	+/+	
matrix metalloproteinase 3	Mmp3	X66402	98833 at			0.98	0.08	0.01	0.45	1	0.0179	+/+	Y
methylenetetrahydrofolate synthase	Mccc1	AW123316	94940 at			0.46	0.26	0.18	0.37	3	0.0350	+/+	
methylmalonyl-Coenzyme A carboxylase 1 (alpha)	Mut	X51941	99613 at			0.74	0.53	0.40	0.68	3	0.0104	+/+	
microtubule-associated protein 4	Map4	M2414	92795 at			0.77	0.47	0.30	0.57	3	0.0141	+/+	2003
mitogen activated protein kinase 8 interacting protein	Mapk8ip	AF003115	104170 at	A to P		1.78	2.60	1.58	4.00	4	0.0428	+/+	
molybdenum cofactor synthesis 2	Mocs2	AW060325	160637 at			0.81	0.28	0.18	0.40	1	0.0365	+/+	
Mus musculus adult female vagina cDNA, RIKEN full-length enriched library, clone:9930031.C03 product:beta-spectrin 2, non-erythrocytic, full insert sequence	Spm2-2	M74773	93571 at			0.75	0.65	0.54	0.80		0.0229	+/+	
Mus musculus transcribed sequences	AW112010	AA958903	100944 at			0.77	0.23	0.09	0.57	1	0.0201	+/+	
Mus musculus transcribed sequences	Npnt	AA592182	103721 at	A to P		6.83	49.87	23.26	93.70	2	0.0419	+/+	Y
Mus musculus, Similar to protein kinase, lysine deficient 1, clone IMAGE:4193361, mRNA, partial cds	1810073P09Rik	AW124781	95952 at	A to P		1.94	3.20	1.73	4.76	4	0.0187	-/-	
mutL homolog 1 (E. coli)	Mlh1	AA920621	104577 at			1.67	2.23	1.58	2.97		0.0267	+/+	
myosin, light polypeptide 9, regulatory	Trp2	A1842649	98939 at			0.79	0.40	0.23	0.54	1	0.0186	+/+	
myristoylated alanine rich protein kinase C substrate	Mac3	M60474	98865 at			0.90	0.35	0.27	0.50	3	0.0087	+/+	
NADH dehydrogenase (ubiquinone) 1, alpha/beta subcomplex, 1	2310039H15Rik	A1849803	96909 at			0.62	0.53	0.34	0.60	3	0.0155	+/+	
NADH dehydrogenase (ubiquinone) Fe-S protein 5	A1256693	A1852355	99593 at			0.74	0.61	0.51	0.76		0.0397	-/-	
NADH dehydrogenase (ubiquinone) flavoprotein 1	Ndufv1	A1846127	96267 at			0.68	0.48	0.42	0.62		0.0234	+/+	
neuroepithelial cell transforming gene 1	Net1	AJ010045	94223 at			0.68	0.39	0.25	0.56		0.0155	+/+	N
neurotrophin	Nrp	D50086	95016 at			0.82	0.18	0.13	0.31	3	0.0038	+/+	
Niemann Pick type C2	Npc2	AB021289	160344 at			0.60	0.54	0.44	0.63		0.0189	+/+	
nuclear receptor subfamily 1, group H, member 3	Nr1h3	AF085745	104381 at	P to A		0.57	0.10	0.08	0.13	3	0.0390	+/+	Y
nuclear receptor subfamily 4, group A, member 1	Nr1	X16995	102371 at	A to P		1.56	3.51	2.06	6.06	2	0.0404	+/+	
nucleobindin 2	Nucb2	AJ222586	102197 at			2.59	6.32	2.75	11.47	2	0.0375	+/+	
osteoblast specific factor 2 (fascilin I-like)	Osif2-pending	D13664	92593 at			1.11	0.15	0.08	0.54	1	0.0235	+/+	Y
p53 apoptosis effector related to Pmp22	Perp-pending	A1854029	97825 at			1.86	4.03	3.14	4.63	2	0.0097	+/+	Y
phenylalkylamine Ca2+ antagonist (emopamil) binding protein	Ebp	X97765	96627 at			1.16	1.65	1.31	1.93		0.0408	+/+	
phosphatidic acid phosphatase 2a	Ppap2a	D84376	98508 s at	P to A		0.62	0.32	0.05	0.48	3	0.0148	-/-	
phosphodiesterase 8A	Pde8a	AF067806	160941 at	P to A		0.82	0.19	0.09	0.30	1	0.0050	+/+	Y
phosphoglucosylase 2	2610020C18Rik	A1842432	104313 at			0.52	0.29	0.23	0.33	3	0.0062	+/+	
phylloerythrin-CoA hydroxylase	Phy1	AF023463	96608 at			0.72	0.44	0.28	0.73	3	0.0097	+/+	
placenta-specific 8	AA790307	98092 at				0.83	0.33	0.17	0.54	1	0.0396	+/+	

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					ANvSWT Median	TUVsWT						
						Median	Minimum	Max				
potassium intermediate/small conductance calcium-activated channel subfamily N, member 4	Kcnn4	AF042487	102198 at		2.98	10.06	5.62	13.18	2	0.0306	+/+	
preproenkephalin 1	Penk1; ENK; PPA; A1326464	M55181	94516 f at		0.56	0.20	0.08	0.26	3	0.0098	+/+	
collagen, type I, alpha 1	Col1a1	U03419	94305 at		0.93	0.25	0.16	0.64	1	0.0431	+/+	
collagen, type III, alpha 1	Col3a1	AA655199	102990 at		1.05	0.14	0.10	0.46	1	0.0100	+/+	
collagen, type IV, alpha 1	Col4a1	M15832	101093 at		0.81	0.47	0.33	0.68	3	0.0187	+/+	
collagen, type V, alpha 1	A1413331	AA796989	93472 at		0.89	0.50	0.37	0.75	1	0.0464	+/+	
collagen, type VI, alpha 1	Col6a1	AV010209	162459 f at	P to A	1.09	0.24	0.13	0.57	1	0.0350	+/+	Y
collagen, type VI, alpha 3	Col6a3	AF064749	101110 at		0.80	0.17	0.13	0.36	3	0.0088	+/+	
collagen, type XVII, alpha 1	Col18a1	L22545	101881 g at	P to A	0.68	0.07	0.05	0.21	3	0.0193	+/+	2of3
progressive ankylosis	ank	AW049351	100948 at		0.95	1.85	1.39	2.51	2	0.0402	+/+	
proliferin factor, complement	Pic	X12905	101468 at	P to A	1.11	0.21	0.14	0.55	1	0.0456	+/+	
prostaglandin E synthase	Pges	A1060798	104406 at	P to A	0.71	0.08	0.02	0.18	1	0.0097	+/+	
protease, serine, 11 (qf binding)	Pss11	AW125478	96920 at		0.54	0.08	0.04	0.16	3	0.0001	+/+	Y
protein phosphatase 1, catalytic subunit, beta isoform	Ppp1cb	M27073	100088 at		1.59	2.36	1.39	3.66	4	0.0447	+/+	
protein phosphatase 2, regulatory subunit B (856), alpha isoform	A1956230	A1956230	93826 at		0.57	0.16	0.11	0.20	3	0.0409	+/+	Y
protein phosphatase 3, catalytic subunit, alpha isoform	Ppp3ca	J05479	95092 at		1.79	3.39	1.91	5.28	4	0.0466	+/+	
protein tyrosine phosphatase, non-receptor type 2	Ptpn2	M80739	101996 at		1.40	2.97	1.92	5.86	2	0.0267	+/+	2of3
protein tyrosine phosphatase, receptor type, B	Ptpnb	X58289	92289 at	P to A	0.37	0.04	0.03	0.06	3	0.0308	+/+	Y
PTK7 protein tyrosine kinase 7	84300404F20Rik	A1326889	92325 at	A to P	3.96	4.86	2.28	12.30	4	0.0201	+/+	
pyruvate dehydrogenase E1 alpha 1	Pdh1a	M76727	98102 at		0.61	0.43	0.34	0.52	3	0.0339	+/+	
quaking	qk	U44940	160726 at		0.70	0.19	0.12	0.30	1	0.0111	+/+	
RAB10, member RAS oncogene family	RAV107754	A1841543	160149 at		1.60	2.60	1.80	4.06	4	0.0357	+/+	
RAB18, member RAS oncogene family	Rab18	L04966	94319 at		1.16	1.75	1.46	2.14	4	0.0052	+/+	2of3
RAB34, member of RAS oncogene family	RAB34	A1835712	160317 at	P to A	0.52	0.33	0.11	0.38	3	0.0345	+/+	Y
Ras-related GTP binding C	Gr2	A8017616	98950 at		0.72	0.55	0.38	0.66	4	0.0196	-/-	
reticulocalbin 2	Rcn2	AF049125	93281 at		1.33	3.18	2.30	5.28	4	0.0233	+/+	
Rho guanine nucleotide exchange factor (GEF) 5	Arhgef5	AA726063	160977 at		1.40	2.19	1.84	2.87	2	0.0226	+/+	
rhotein	Rtkn	U54638	160864 at		1.53	1.92	1.53	2.91	4	0.0273	+/+	
ribonucleotide reductase M2	Rrm2	M14223	102001 at		1.75	2.93	1.79	3.48	4	0.0130	+/+	Y
RIKEN cDNA 0610010012 gene	0610010012Rik	A1849011	97242 at		1.45	2.93	2.25	4.14	2	0.0187	+/+	
RIKEN cDNA 0710001003 gene	0710001003Rik	A1853364	160391 at		0.84	0.31	0.15	0.61	1	0.0308	+/+	
RIKEN cDNA 1110001114 gene	1110001114Rik	AA657044	104605 at		0.45	0.26	0.18	0.38	3	0.0013	+/+	
RIKEN cDNA 1110004P15 gene	AA589382	AA657044	160255 at		0.69	0.19	0.10	0.43	1	0.0187	+/+	
RIKEN cDNA 1110015E22 gene	1110015E22Rik	AA657044	104217 at		0.62	0.11	0.08	0.67	3	0.0387	-/-	
RIKEN cDNA 1110020B03 gene	A1851387	A1851387	102922 at		1.18	2.53	1.88	3.53	2	0.0128	+/+	
RIKEN cDNA 1110020P15 gene	A1195141	AA657044	94078 at		0.78	0.59	0.41	0.69	3	0.0193	+/+	
RIKEN cDNA 1110021N07 gene	A1846382	A1846382	93983 at	P to A	0.58	0.38	0.29	0.45	3	0.0084	+/+	
RIKEN cDNA 1110032O19 gene	A1853294	A1853294	97386 at		0.57	0.30	0.16	0.42	3	0.0100	+/+	
RIKEN cDNA 1190006E07 gene	A1852865	A1852865	160112 at		1.39	2.30	1.95	3.05	4	0.0185	+/+	
RIKEN cDNA 1200002G13 gene	1200002G13Rik	AW120643	96708 at		1.42	1.93	1.43	2.20	2	0.0403	+/+	
RIKEN cDNA 1200015A22 gene	1200015A22Rik	A1854863	98633 at	P to A	0.44	0.24	0.18	0.31	3	0.0085	+/+	
RIKEN cDNA 1200015G06 gene	1200015G06Rik	A1844370	93590 at		2.28	2.77	1.87	4.20	2	0.0056	+/+	
RIKEN cDNA 1300002F13 gene	A1853531	A1853531	93975 at		1.43	3.51	2.41	4.79	2	0.0155	+/+	
RIKEN cDNA 1300003D03 gene	1300003D03Rik	AA871791	102052 at		0.65	0.40	0.19	0.76	3	0.0407	+/+	
RIKEN cDNA 1600029D21 gene	A1121305	97413 at	97413 at		4.19	8.63	3.92	16.80	4	0.0403	+/+	
RIKEN cDNA 1620401E04 gene	A1852480	AW125480	96900 at		0.66	0.49	0.35	0.70	3	0.0085	+/+	
RIKEN cDNA 1700051C09 gene	Becn1	AV260411	161227 r at		2.92	5.21	3.51	7.11	4	0.0252	+/+	
RIKEN cDNA 1810015C04 gene	1810015C04Rik	AW122893	95518 at		1.68	3.53	2.39	4.53	2	0.0133	+/+	
RIKEN cDNA 1810044O22 gene	A1850017	103619 at			0.62	0.24	0.18	0.32	3	0.0434	+/+	
RIKEN cDNA 1810046J19 gene	A1852571	94453 at			1.05	1.93	1.27	2.73	3	0.0494	+/+	

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					Median	Median	Minimum					
RIKEN cDNA 2310008H09 gene	2310008H09Rik	AF034580	160872 f at		1.61	2.43	1.79	3.78	4	0.0241	+/+	
RIKEN cDNA 2310009N05 gene	AW061073	160801 at			1.59	3.10	2.04	3.51	2	0.0189	+/+	
RIKEN cDNA 2310016E22 gene	AW120882	95620 at			0.69	0.54	0.34	0.74		0.0289	+/+	
RIKEN cDNA 2310020A21 gene	AW173973	100043 f at		A to P	1.88	2.81	1.42	4.72	4	0.0465	+/+	
RIKEN cDNA 2400004O09 gene	AW146893	160991 at			0.55	0.40	0.31	0.60	3	0.0375	+/+	
RIKEN cDNA 2610001E17 gene	AW122012	160298 at			0.59	0.08	0.05	0.22	1	0.0394	+/+	
RIKEN cDNA 2610042L04 gene	AW153444	93568 f at		P to A	1.26	0.08	0.01	0.28	1	0.0056	+/+	
RIKEN cDNA 3110001A13 gene	AW144158	96640 at		P to A	1.02	0.44	0.30	0.61	1	0.0187	+/+	
RIKEN cDNA 3110003A17 gene	AA833425	96135 at			1.70	2.31	1.65	3.01	4	0.0161	+/+	
RIKEN cDNA 4921515A04 gene	AW1642098	104494 at			0.53	0.33	0.15	0.54	3	0.0083	+/+	
RIKEN cDNA 4930555L11 gene	AW195356	160393 at			1.89	7.11	4.99	10.20	2	0.0195	+/+	
RIKEN cDNA 4931406C07 gene	AW255972	96090 g at			1.21	2.66	1.89	3.39	2	0.0279	+/+	
RIKEN cDNA 5730551F12 gene	AW125340	160193 at			1.28	1.77	1.57	2.03		0.0190	+/+	
RIKEN cDNA 6330514M23 gene	AW048944	97496 f at			0.63	0.16	0.09	0.51	1	0.0197	+/+	
RIKEN cDNA 9630044O09 gene	AW185624	160236 at		A to P	3.04	6.28	2.69	30.27	2	0.0187	+/+	
RIKEN cDNA A430096B05 gene	AW185965	97826 at			0.60	0.05	0.03	0.13	3	0.0119	+/+	
RIKEN cDNA C330027C09 gene	AA408511	160973 at			1.51	2.31	1.58	3.27	4	0.0420	+/+	
RIKEN cDNA D330037A14 gene	AW1854506	96206 at		P to A	0.69	0.25	0.18	0.49	1	0.0050	+/+	
ring finger protein 149	1600023E10Rik	AW1849082	98915 at		1.31	1.66	1.47	1.91		0.0128	+/+	
S100 calcium binding protein A6 (calyculin)	S100a6	X66449	92770 at		0.90	0.27	0.12	0.71	1	0.0445	+/+	
SEC23A (S. cerevisiae)	SEC23a	AW1843665	104709 at		0.73	0.57	0.45	0.75		0.0394	+/	
serine protease inhibitor, Kunitz type 1	Spint1	AW2303369	97206 at		1.71	3.43	2.93	5.10	2	0.0375	+/+	Y
serine/threonine kinase 39, STE20/SPS1 homolog (Yeast)	Sik39	AW099988	160806 at		1.76	5.70	2.91	9.65	2	0.0382	+/+	Y
serum deprivation response	Sdpr	AW1839175	160373 f at		0.54	0.18	0.13	0.45	3	0.0062	+/+	Y
shroom	Shrm	AW1641895	100024 at		2.19	4.92	2.79	9.78	4	0.0197	+/+	Y
siat/transferase 10 (alpha-2,3-sialyltransferase VI)	Siat10	AW1153959	102208 at		P to A	0.48	0.18	0.11	0.30	3	0.0415	+/+
siat/transferase 7 ((alpha-N-acetylneuraminyl) 2,3-beta-galactosyl)-1,3)	ST6GalNAc IV	Y15780	96682 at		A to P	2.53	9.99	2.85	20.68	2	0.0419	+/+
sialyltransferase 9 (CMP-NeuAc:lactosylceramide alpha-2,3-sialyltransferase)	ST3Gal V	Y15003	98596 s at		A to P	6.42	23.75	12.55	37.01	2	0.0412	+/+
signal recognition particle 19	2310020D23Rik	AW1848458	160343 at		1.52	1.91	1.57	3.20		0.0339	+/+	
small chemokine (C-C motif) ligand 11	Scva11	U77462	92742 at		P to A	0.58	0.15	0.04	0.33	3	0.0098	+/+
SNF related kinase	Snrk	AW0481113	97429 at			0.74	0.37	0.12	0.53	3	0.0210	+/+
solute carrier family 12, member 2	Sic12a2	U13174	99500 at			1.55	3.97	2.14	6.54	2	0.0410	+/+
solute carrier family 27 (fatty acid transporter), member 1	Sic27a1	U15976	93486 at		P to A	0.69	0.05	0.03	0.08	1	0.0248	+/+
solute carrier family 29 (nucleoside transporters), member 1	Sic29a1	AW1838274	95733 at			1.55	3.94	3.10	5.78	2	0.0453	+/+
sorbin and SH3 domain containing 1	Sic3d5	U58883	160320 at			0.59	0.12	0.08	0.15	3	0.0444	+/+
spectrin alpha 2	2610007H02Rik	AW046708	103345 at			1.08	2.08	1.54	2.75	2	0.0256	+/+
spermatid perinuclear RNA binding protein	Spnr	AW1838709	103330 at			1.52	2.64	2.01	3.46	2	0.0230	+/+
S-phase kinase-associated protein 1A	Tcab1	Z47088	99607 at			1.95	3.05	2.46	7.57	4	0.0248	+/+
Src activating and signaling molecule	Srcasm	AW1840130	104063 at			1.28	2.68	2.22	3.32	2	0.0119	+/+

Table II-2. Filtered ErbB2/Neu Mammary Tumor Molecular Signature.

Gene Name	Common	Genbank	Affymetrix	Absolute call*	Fold Change [§]				SOM CI # [†]	p-value [‡]	Repeated Observation**	RT-PCR Confirmation ^{§§}
					TuvsWT							
					Median	Median	Minimum	Max				
SRY-box containing gene 4	Sox4	X70298	160109 at		1.75	3.39	2.22	4.89	2	0.0308	+/+	Y
stromal cell derived factor receptor 2	Sdrf2	D50464	103421 at		2.29	3.05	2.16	4.66	4	0.0218	+/+	
sulfide quinone reductase-like (yeast)	Sqr1l	AW208628	94515 at		0.58	0.37	0.29	0.64	3	0.0410	+/+	
sulfotransferase family 1A, phenol-preferring, member 1	Sult1a1	L02331	103087 at	P to A	0.61	0.02	0.01	0.04	3	0.0419	+/+	
suppressor of cytokine signaling 2	Cish2	U88327	99475 at		2.26	14.22	5.74	19.56	2	0.0343	+/+	
sushi-repeat-containing protein	Srip	AB028049	103568 at	P to A	0.68	0.10	0.06	0.25	1	0.0080	+/+	Y
synaptosomal complex protein 3	Sypx	AW212131	93994 at		0.54	0.15	0.12	0.22	3	0.0069	+/+	
T-cell immunoglobulin and mucin domain containing 2	C78111	AA986114	103794 i at		2.60	4.59	1.93	7.01	4	0.0295	+/+	
T-cell immunoglobulin and mucin domain containing 2	Timd2	AA795198	97335 at		1.52	2.38	1.64	3.14	4	0.0098	+/-	
T-cell lymphoma invasion and metastasis 1	Tiam1	U05245	102283 at		1.51	2.06	1.77	2.66	4	0.0397	+/+	Y
tetranectin (plasminogen binding protein)	Tna	X79199	92224 at	P to A	1.13	0.06	0.03	0.17	1	0.0407	+/+	
thrombomodulin	Thbd	X14432	104601 at	P to A	0.84	0.29	0.18	0.41	1	0.0330	+/+	
thrombospondin type 1 domain containing gene	R-spondin	AB016768	98312 at	P to A	1.04	0.03	0.02	0.04	1	0.0001	+/+	
Tnf receptor associated factor 4	Traf4	AV109962	162482 at		1.40	2.10	1.88	2.51	2	0.0371	+/+	Y
Tnf receptor associated factor 4	Traf4	X92346	100005 at		1.48	2.04	1.45	2.48	2	0.0155	+/+	Y
transcription factor AP-2, gamma	Tcfap2c	X94694	92275 at		1.48	4.23	2.69	5.98	2	0.0401	+/+	Y
transforming growth factor alpha	Tgfa	M92420	92369 at	A to P	1.72	4.82	2.50	7.31	2	0.0498	+/+	Y
transforming growth factor beta 1 induced transcript 4	Tgfb14	X62940	93728 at		0.82	0.38	0.31	0.48	1	0.0085	-/-	1013
transforming growth factor, beta induced	Tgfb1	L19932	92877 at		0.87	0.34	0.23	0.54	1	0.0133	+/+	Y
transmembrane 4 superfamily member 3	Tuflin	A047704	103494 at	A to P	3.92	24.25	14.52	31.78	2	0.0141	+/+	
turf1	Tufl1	AF047704	102043 at	A to P	1.85	2.83	2.19	3.84	2	0.0354	+/+	
tumor differentially expressed 1	Tde1	L29441	100151 at		1.44	2.41	1.36	2.99	2	0.0379	+/+	
tumor protein D52	Tpd52	U44426	160249 at		1.76	2.89	2.20	4.35	4	0.0356	+/+	
tumor protein D52-like 1	Tpd52l1	AF004428	101446 at	A to P	2.72	12.13	7.26	21.41	2	0.0057	+/+	Y
tumor-associated calcium signal transducer 1	Tacsid1	M76124	99582 at		2.09	6.15	3.78	9.32	4	0.0155	+/+	Y
UDP glycosyltransferase 1 family, polypeptide A6	Ugt1a6	U16818	99580 s at	P to A	0.64	0.12	0.09	0.26	3	0.0001	+/+	
UDP-Gal:betaGlcNAc beta 1,4-galactosyltransferase, polypeptide 6	B4gal6	AW125314	102936 at		2.38	7.46	4.35	11.55	2	0.0361	+/+	
UDP-N-acetyl-alpha-D-galactosamine:polypeptide N-acetylglucosaminyltransferase 3	Galnt3	U70538	99011_at		2.12	7.16	4.56	12.13	2	0.0295	+/+	
UDP-N-acetyl-alpha-D-galactosamine:polypeptide N-acetylglucosaminyltransferase 3	Galnt3	AV055653	162313 f at		2.02	5.13	2.33	8.11	4	0.0295	+/+	
uridine monophosphate kinase	Umpk	L31783	94381 at		0.58	0.51	0.37	0.68	3	0.0100	+/+	
v-erb-b2 erythroblastic leukemia viral oncogene homolog 3 (avian)	C76256	A106728	96771 at		1.66	3.73	1.71	5.46	2	0.0445	+/+	
villin 2	Vil2	X60671	100084 at		1.68	2.71	2.35	3.71	4	0.0218	+/+	Y
vitamin D receptor	Vdr	AW061016	99964 at		1.71	1.89	1.39	2.36	2	0.0393	-/-	
Von Willebrand factor homolog	Al551257	A1843063	103499 at	P to A	0.56	0.03	0.01	0.06	3	0.0431	+/+	
WD-40-repeat-containing protein with a SOCS box 2	AA673511	AF033188	160296 at		1.24	1.73	1.59	2.11	2	0.0050	+/+	
wee 1 homolog (S. pombe)	Wee1	D30743	101458 at		1.63	3.27	2.17	7.11	2	0.0218	+/+	Y
WW domain binding protein 5	Wbp5	U92454	100522 S at		1.72	2.75	1.79	4.41	4	0.0201	+/+	
X-box binding protein 1	Xbp1	AW123880	94821 at		1.46	2.71	2.23	3.66	1	0.0323	+/+	Y
zinc finger homeobox 1a	Zfx1a	D76432	99052 at		0.72	0.31	0.15	0.53	1	0.0241	+/+	Y

fold change is irrelevant.

§ Fold change was derived from the Affymetrix parameter that measures deletion. P=present A=absent. "A to P" indicates that a gene was called "absent" in control and "present" in tumor. If a gene changes from absent to present or vice versa, the fold change is irrelevant.

§§ Absolute call is the Affymetrix parameter that measures deletion. P=present A=absent. "A to P" indicates that a gene was called "absent" in control and "present" in tumor. If a gene changes from absent to present or vice versa, the fold change is irrelevant.

† "SOM CI #"[†] = self-organizing map cluster number, clusters are shown in Figure 3B.

‡ p-value was calculated for average tumor versus average control using Welch's t-test with the Benjamini and Hochberg Multiple Testing Correction (False Discovery Rate of 5%).

** Repeated observation indicates whether the gene was confirmed by microarray data from 2 additional independent tumor samples. "+/+" indicates confirmed by both tumors analyzed; "-/-" by one tumor; and "+/-" by neither tumor.

§§ Direction (increased/decreased) of expression confirmed by RealTime RT-PCR. "Y"=yes confirmed in 3 tumors; "2of3"= confirmed in 2 of 3 tumors; "1of3"= confirmed in 1 of 3 tumors "N"=not confirmed. If blank, then not assayed.

Table II-3. Sixty-Six Genes Consistently Demonstrated Significant (p<0.01) Alterations of Gene Expression in ErbB2/Neu-Induced Mammary Tumors. Relative to Age-Matched Wild-Type Control Mammary Glands

Gene Name	Genbank	Affymetrix	Abs	Fold Change [§]		SOM	Rep	RT-
	Accession	Accession	Call*	ANvsWT	TUvsWT	Cl #†	Obs‡	PCR**
Increased in Tumors								
tumor protein D52-like 1	AF004428	101446_at	A to P	2.7	12.1	2	+/+	Y
dual specificity phosphatase 6	AI845584	93285_at		3.1	10.4	2	+/+	
desmoglein 2	AI152659	104480_at		4.1	6.1	4	+/+	
inositol 1,4,5-triphosphate receptor 5	AF031127	101441_i_at		2.0	4.7	2	+/+	Y
cytidine monophospho-N-acetylneuraminic acid synthetase	AJ006215	98593_at		1.7	4.7	2	+/+	
p53 apoptosis effector related to Pmp22	AI854029	97825_at		1.9	4.0	2	+/+	Y
folate receptor 1 (adult)	AV035020	162302_f_at	A to P	2.2	3.7	4	+/+	
latexin	D88769	96065_at		1.7	3.4	2	+/+	
hypothetical protein 6330505N24	AI430272	104207_at		1.5	3.0	2	+/+	
RIKEN cDNA 1200015G06 gene	AI844370	93590_at		2.3	2.8	2	+/+	
ATPase, H+ transporting, V1 subunit A, isoform 1	AW123765	95746_at		1.2	2.6	2	+/+	
DNA segment, Chr 3, UCLA 1	AI843466	95708_at		1.8	2.6	4	+/+	
CD9 antigen	L08115	95661_at		1.4	2.5		+/+	
insulin-like growth factor 2 receptor	U04710	95117_at		1.3	2.5		+/+	Y
CASP2 and RIPK1 domain containing adaptor with death domain	AJ224738	102952_g_at		1.2	2.4	2	+/+	N
T-cell immunoglobulin and mucin domain containing 2	AA795198	97335_at		1.5	2.4	4	+/-	
golgi phosphoprotein 3	AW060175	160688_at		1.4	2.3		+/+	
calcium binding protein, intestinal	Y00884	95423_at		1.5	2.2	2	+/+	
Bcl2-associated athanogene 2	W71352	160962_at		1.6	2.2		+/+	
death-associated protein	AI196645	93842_at		1.3	2.1		+/+	
RAB18, member RAS oncogene family	L04966	94319_at		1.2	1.8		+/+	2of3
WD-40-repeat-containing protein with a SOCS box 2	AF033188	160296_at		1.2	1.7		+/+	
interleukin 25	AW045739	96318_at		1.4	1.7		+/+	
Decreased in Tumors								
RIKEN cDNA 1620401E04 gene	AW125480	96900_at		0.66	0.49	3	+/+	
ATPase, Na+/K+ transporting, beta 3 polypeptide	U59761	99579_at		0.75	0.48		+/+	
L-3-hydroxyacyl-Coenzyme A dehydrogenase, short chain	D29639	95485_at		0.71	0.45	3	+/+	
phytanoyl-CoA hydroxylase	AF023463	96608_at		0.72	0.44	3	+/+	
amyloid beta (A4) precursor-like protein 2	M97216	93498_s_at		0.64	0.41	3	+/+	
transforming growth factor beta 1 induced transcript 4	X62940	93728_at		0.82	0.38	1	-/-	
RIKEN cDNA 1110021N07 gene	AI846382	93983_at	P to A	0.58	0.38	3	+/+	
carbamate palmitoyltransferase 2	U01170	95646_at		0.64	0.36	3	+/+	
myristoylated alanine rich protein kinase C substrate	M60474	96865_at		0.90	0.35	3	+/+	
branched chain ketoacid dehydrogenase E1, beta polypeptide	L16992	102302_at		0.59	0.33	3	+/+	
RIKEN cDNA 4921515A04 gene	AI642098	104494_at		0.53	0.33	3	+/+	
glycogenin 1	AW049730	100597_at		0.51	0.31	3	+/+	
acetyl-Coenzyme A acyltransferase 2	AI849271	95064_at		0.65	0.30	3	+/+	
phosphoglucosyltransferase 2	AI842432	104313_at		0.52	0.29	3	+/+	
RIKEN cDNA 1110001I14 gene	AW047554	104605_at		0.45	0.26	3	+/+	
3-ketoacyl-CoA thiolase B	AW012588	99571_at	P to A	0.51	0.25	3	+/+	
RIKEN cDNA D330037A14 gene	AI854506	96206_at	P to A	0.69	0.25	1	+/+	
RIKEN cDNA 1200015A22 gene	AI854863	98633_at	P to A	0.44	0.24	3	+/+	
Kruppel-like factor 4 (gut)	U20344	99622_at		0.69	0.23	3	+/+	Y
glycerol phosphate dehydrogenase 2, mitochondrial	D50430	98984_f_at		0.57	0.20	3	+/+	
preproenkephalin 1	M55181	94516_f_at		0.56	0.20	3	+/+	
phosphodiesterase 8A	AF067806	160941_at	P to A	0.82	0.19	1	+/+	Y
actin, alpha 2, smooth muscle, aorta	X13297	93100_at		0.87	0.18	1	+/+	
neuropilin	D50086	95016_at		0.82	0.18	3	+/+	
serum deprivation response	AI839175	160373_i_at		0.54	0.18	3	+/+	Y
procollagen, type VI, alpha 3	AF064749	101110_at		0.60	0.17	3	+/+	
glycerol-3-phosphate acyltransferase, mitochondrial	U11680	101867_at		0.38	0.17	3	+/+	
hephaestin	AF082567	104194_at		0.40	0.16	1	+/+	
small chemokine (C-C motif) ligand 11	U77462	92742_at	P to A	0.58	0.15	3	+/+	
synaptonemal complex protein 3	AW212131	93994_at		0.54	0.15	3	+/+	
UDP glycosyltransferase 1 family, polypeptide A6	U16818	99580_s_at	P to A	0.64	0.12	3	+/+	
chemokine (C-X-C motif) ligand 12	AV139913	162234_f_at	P to A	0.58	0.12	3	+/+	
aldehyde dehydrogenase family 1, subfamily A7	U96401	94778_at	P to A	0.54	0.10	3	+/+	
sushi-repeat-containing protein	AB028049	103568_at	P to A	0.68	0.10	1	+/+	Y
dermatopontin	AA717826	96742_at		0.68	0.09	3	+/+	Y
prostaglandin E synthase	AI060798	104406_at	P to A	0.71	0.08	1	+/+	
protease, serine, 11 (Igf binding)	AW125478	96920_at		0.54	0.08	3	+/+	Y
RIKEN cDNA 2610042L04 gene	AI853444	93568_i_at	P to A	1.26	0.08	1	+/+	
lumican	AF013262	93353_at		0.90	0.07	1	+/+	
cytochrome P450, family 4, subfamily b, polypeptide 1	AV376161	162044_f_at	P to A	0.86	0.07	1	+/+	
glutathione peroxidase 3	U13705	101676_at		0.33	0.04	3	+/+	
thrombospondin type 1 domain containing gene	AB016768	98312_at	P to A	1.04	0.03	1	+/+	

* Absolute call is the Affymetrix parameter that measures detection. P=present A=absent. "A to P" indicates that a gene was called "absent" in control and "present" in tumor. If a gene changes from absent to present or vice versa, the fold change is irrelevant.

§ Fold change was derived from the Affymetrix signal log ratio (SLR) AN= adjacent *neu*, WT=wild-type control, and TU=tumor. The gray shaded rows denotes <3.4 fold change for TU vs. AMWT.

† "SOM CL #" = self-organizing map cluster number. Clusters are shown in Figure 3B.

‡ Repeated observation indicates whether the gene was confirmed by microarray data from 2 additional independent tumor samples. "++" indicates confirmed by both tumors analyzed and "+/-" or "-/+" by one tumor.

** Direction (increased/decreased) of expression confirmed by RealTime RT-PCR. "Y"=yes confirmed in 3 tumors, "2of3"= confirmed in 2 of 3 tumors, and "N"=not confirmed. If blank, then not assayed.

Figure II-2. The adjacent ErbB2/Neu tissue has preneoplastic characteristics. **A.** *Mammary gland tissue adjacent to ErbB2/Neu-induced tumors displays focal hyperplasia.* Representative sections of wild-type control mammary gland and tissue adjacent to an ErbB2/Neu-induced tumor are shown (H&E, 40X). **B.** *Adjacent ErbB2/Neu Mammary Epithelia Demonstrate Active ErbB2/Neu Signaling.* Representative sections (400X) of immunohistochemical staining for phosphorylated ErbB2/Neu (Tyr-877) in wild-type mammary gland tissue (top panel) and adjacent ErbB2/Neu tissue (bottom panel) are shown. Note the selective membrane staining in the adjacent ErbB2/Neu tissue. **C.** *Known targets of ErbB2/Neu and previously characterized ErbB2/Neu tumor markers are expressed in the adjacent ErbB2/Neu samples.* The signal intensity from microarray data is depicted on the y-axis with the tissue type on the x-axis. The expression values for individual samples are represented with the mean value for each group being indicated by a horizontal line.

Figure II-2

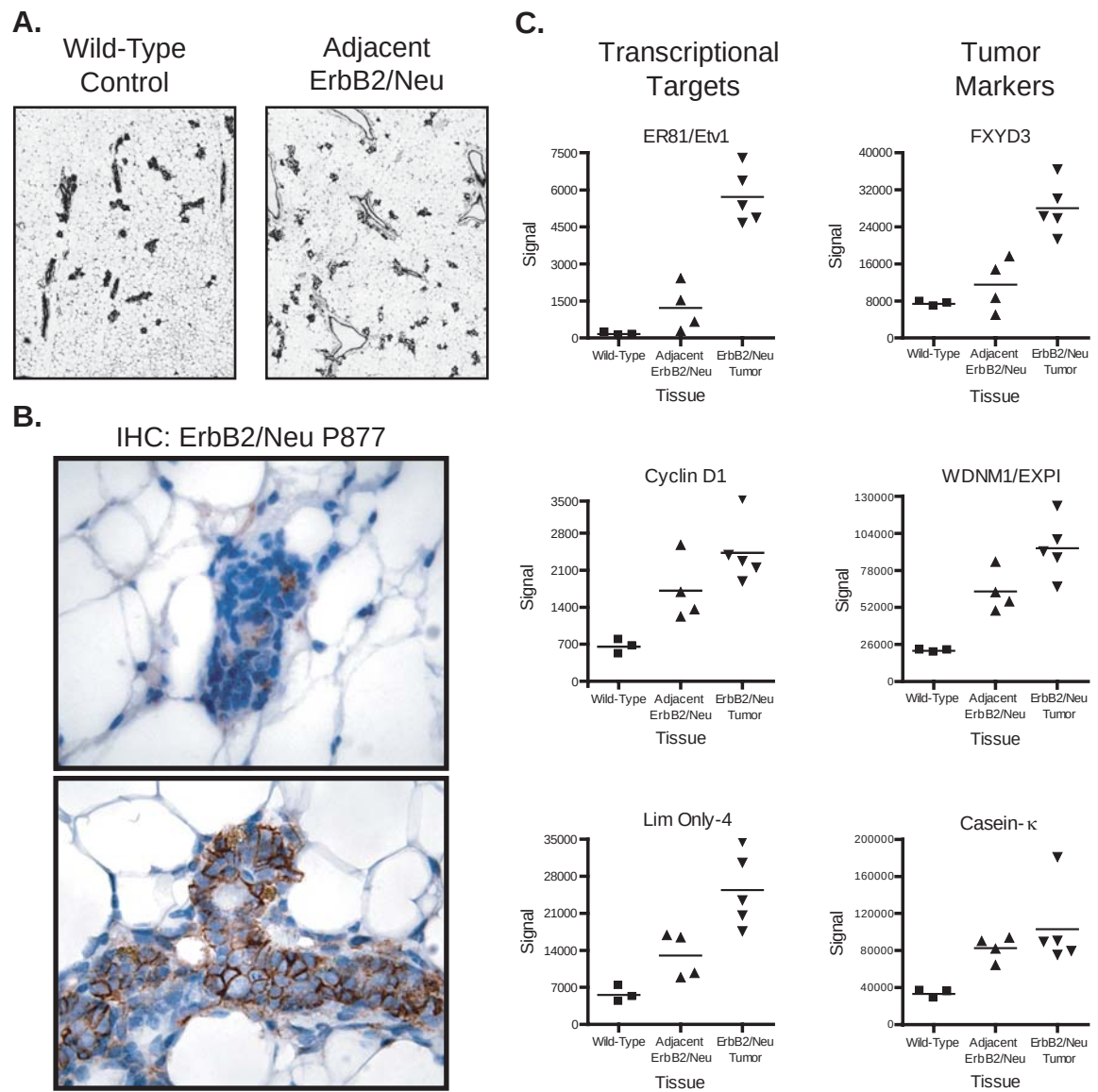


Figure II-3. The molecular profile of the adjacent ErbB2/Neu tissue is intermediate between the profiles of tumors and control mammary tissues.

A. A dendrogram derived by 2-way hierarchical clustering analysis of 7976 genes that were called “present” or “marginal” on at least one microarray is shown. Tissue types are grouped vertically, and genes are grouped horizontally. The arms of the tree are color coded by tissue type (pink = wild-type control (n=3); green = adjacent ErbB2/Neu (n=4); blue = ErbB2/Neu tumor (n=5)). Expression levels are displayed as red = high, yellow = intermediate, and blue = low expression. **B.** *Self-organizing Map (SOM) analysis reveals progressive alterations of gene expression that correlate with tumorigenic stage.* The y-axis represents the signal intensity derived from microarray analyses. For individual genes, values were normalized to the median value across all the samples and expression of individual genes is represented by a thin vertical line for each gene. Each bar represents a compression of all genes in an individual sample. The sample type is color coded (pink = wild-type control (n=3); green = adjacent ErbB2/Neu (n=4); blue = tumor (n=5)). The clusters have been numbered from 1 to 4 (i.e. Cluster 1 to Cluster 4) with the total number of genes represented in each cluster indicated in the top right corner. Genes within individual clusters are identified in Tables II-1, II-2, II-3, and II-4.

Figure II-3

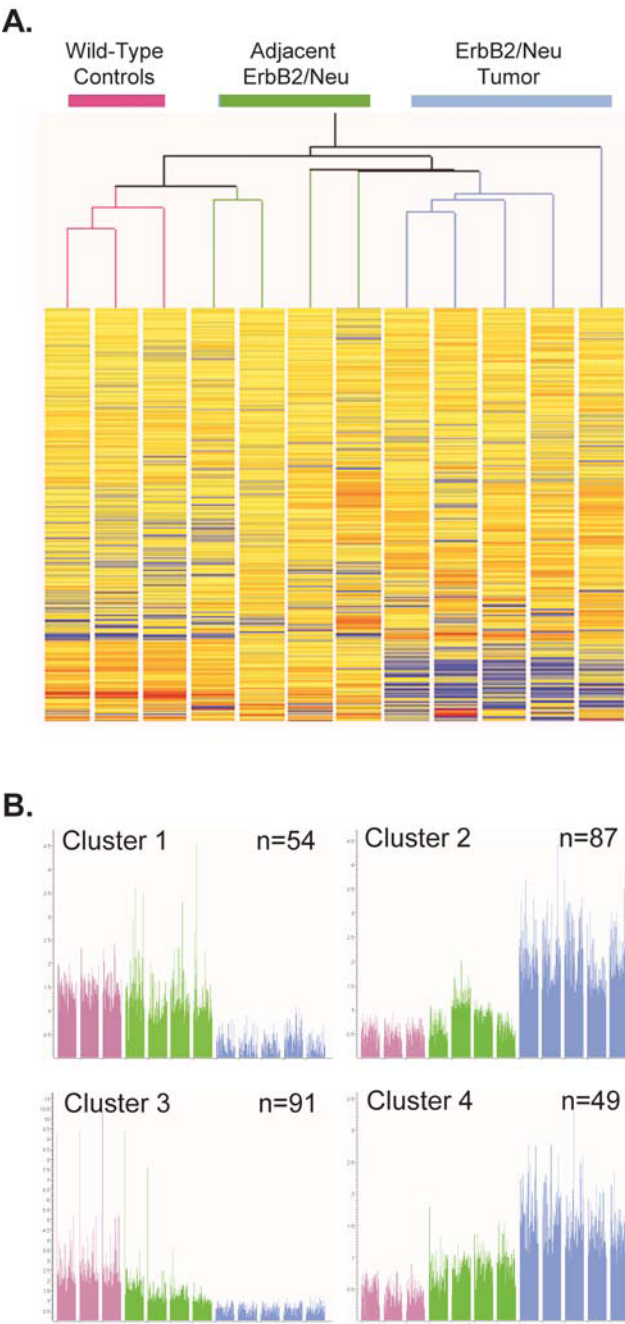


Table II-4. Identification of Genes Whose Expression Changes During the Transition from Wild-Type to Preneoplastic Mammary Tissue and is Retained in Overt Tumors.

	Gene Name		Genbank Accession	Affymetrix Accession	Abs Call*	Fold Changes		SOM CI #†	p-value‡	Rep Obs**
						ANvsWT	TUvsWT			
Increased in Adjacent <i>erbB2</i> /neu Samples										
Nephronectin			AA592182	103721_at	A to P	6.8	49.9	2	0.0419	+/+
fatty acid-Coenzyme A ligase, long chain 4			AA619207	102381_at		5.7	19.4	2	0.0210	+/+
ets variant gene 1			L10426	92927_at	A to P	5.5	34.1	2	0.0187	+/+
downstream of tyrosine kinase 1			U78818	102896_at	A to P	4.9	8.5	2	0.0208	+/+
RIKEN cDNA 1600029D21 gene			A1121305	97413_at		4.2	8.6	4	0.0403	+/+
desmoglein 2			A1152659	104480_at		4.1	6.1	4	0.0049	+/+
est			C77278	97165_f_at		3.1	3.9	4	0.0236	+/+
potassium intermediate/small conductance calcium-activated channel, subfamily N, member 1			AF042487	102198_at	A to P	3.0	10.1	2	0.0306	+/+
RIKEN cDNA 1700051C09 gene			AV260411	161227_f_at		2.9	5.2	4	0.0252	+/+
extracellular proteinase inhibitor			X93037	103051_at		2.8	3.6		0.0352	+/+
lipocalin 2			X81627	160564_at		2.7	6.9		0.0111	+/+
homer homolog 2 (Drosophila)			AF093259	160695_i_at	A to P	2.6	7.2	4	0.0276	+/+
kangat 1 (suppression of tumorigenicity 6, prostate			D14883	99584_at		2.3	3.1	4	0.0133	+/+
stromal cell derived factor receptor 2			D50464	103421_at		2.3	3.1	4	0.0218	+/+
inhibitor of DNA binding 2			AF077861	93013_at		2.1	3.7	4	0.0462	+/+
UDP-N-acetyl-alpha-D-galactosamine:polypeptide N-acetylglucosaminyltransferase 1			AV055653	162313_f_at		2.0	5.1	4	0.0295	+/+
S-phase kinase-associated protein 1A			Z47088	99607_at		2.0	3.1	4	0.0248	+/+
tumor protein D52			U44426	160249_at		1.8	2.9	4	0.0356	+/+
ribonucleotide reductase M2			M14223	102001_at		1.8	2.9	4	0.0130	+/+
WW domain binding protein 5			U92454	100522_s_at		1.7	2.8	4	0.0201	+/+
RIKEN cDNA 3110003A17 gene			AA833425	96135_at		1.7	2.3	4	0.0161	+/+
RIKEN cDNA 2310009N05 gene			AW061073	160801_at		1.6	3.1	2	0.0189	+/+
checkpoint kinase 1 homolog (S. pombe			AF016583	103064_at		1.4	2.0	4	0.0356	+/+
RIKEN cDNA 2610042L04 gene			AI853444	93568_i_at		1.3	0.1	1	0.0056	+/+
Decreased in Adjacent <i>erbB2</i> /neu Samples										
RIKEN cDNA 1110020P15 gene			AW046239	94078_at		0.8	0.6	3	0.0193	+/+
ATPase, Na+/K+ transporting, beta 3 polypeptide			U59761	99579_at		0.8	0.5		0.0097	+/+
Dehydrogenase/reductase (SDR family) member 7			AW120882	95620_at		0.7	0.5		0.0289	+/+
NADH dehydrogenase (ubiquinone) flavoprotein 1			AI846127	96267_at		0.7	0.5		0.0234	+/+
RIKEN cDNA 1620401E04 gene			AW125480	96900_at		0.7	0.5	3	0.0085	+/+
RIKEN cDNA 1300003D03 gene			AA871791	102052_at		0.7	0.4	3	0.0407	+/+
acetyl-Coenzyme A acyltransferase 2 (mitochondrial 3-oxoacyl-Coenzyme A thiolase			AI849271	95064_at		0.7	0.3	3	0.0050	+/+
amyloid beta (A4) precursor-like protein 2			M97216	93498_s_at		0.6	0.4	3	0.0085	+/+
carnitine palmitoyltransferase 2			U01170	95646_at		0.6	0.4	3	0.0083	+/+
RIKEN cDNA 1110015E22 gene			AW045753	104217_at		0.6	0.1	3	0.0387	-/-
insulin-like growth factor binding protein 1			X81584	103904_at		0.6	0.0	1	0.0230	+/+
NADH dehydrogenase (ubiquinone) 1, alpha/beta subcomplex, 1			AI849803	96909_at		0.6	0.5	3	0.0155	+/+
MAP kinase-interacting serine/threonine kinase 1			AI845732	101007_at		0.6	0.3	3	0.0499	+/+
branched chain aminotransferase 2, mitochondrial			AF031467	100443_at		0.6	0.3	3	0.0403	+/+
pyruvate dehydrogenase E1 alpha 1			M76727	98102_at		0.6	0.4	3	0.0339	+/+
chemokine (C-X-C motif) ligand 12			L12030	100112_at		0.6	0.3	3	0.0208	+/+
immunoglobulin joining chain			M90766	102372_at		0.6	0.1	3	0.0470	+/+
Niemann Pick type C2			AB021289	160344_at		0.6	0.5		0.0189	+/+

Table II-4. Identification of Genes Whose Expression Changes During the Transition from Wild-Type to Preneoplastic Mammary Tissue and is Retained in Overt Tumors.

Gene Name	Genbank Accession	Affymetrix Accession	Abs Call*	Fold Changes		SOM CI #†	p-value†	Rep Obs**
				ANvsWT	TUvsWT			
Decreased in Adjacent erbB2/neu Samples (cont.)								
procollagen, type VI, alpha 3 branched chain ketoacid dehydrogenase E1, beta polypeptide uridine monophosphate kinase protein phosphatase 2, regulatory subunit B (B56), alpha isoform nuclear receptor subfamily 1, group H, member 3 aminolevulinatase, delta-, dehydratase RIKEN cDNA 1110032O19 gene glycerol phosphate dehydrogenase 2, mitochondria glutathione transferase zeta 1 (maleylacetoacetate isomerase) preproenkephalin 1 sterol carrier protein 2-pseudogene 2,4-dienoyl CoA reductase 1, mitochondria synaptonemal complex protein 3 aldehyde dehydrogenase family 1, subfamily A1 protease, serine, 11 (lgf binding) RIKEN cDNA 4921515A04 gene RAB34, member of RAS oncogene family eukaryotic translation initiation factor 4E binding protein 1 phosphoglucosaminidase 2 3-ketoacyl-CoA thiolase B glycogenin 1 electron transferring flavoprotein, beta polypeptide fat specific gene 27 CD36 antigen sialyltransferase 10 (alpha-2,3-sialyltransferase VI) methylcrotonoyl-Coenzyme A carboxylase 1 (alpha glucan (1,4-alpha-), branching enzyme 1) lipin 1 diacylglycerol O-acyltransferase 1 hydroxyacyl-Coenzyme A dehydrogenase/3-ketoacyl-Coenzyme A thiolase/enoyl-Coenzyme A hydratase (trifunctional protein), beta subunit RIKEN cDNA 1110001114 gene RIKEN cDNA 1200015A22 gene guanine nucleotide binding protein, alpha inhibiting glycerol-3-phosphate acyltransferase, mitochondria protein tyrosine phosphatase, receptor type, E carboxylesterase 3 growth hormone receptor glutathione peroxidase 3 Adrenergic receptor, beta 3	AF064749	101110_at		0.6	0.2	3	0.0088	+/+
	L16992	102302_at		0.6	0.3	3	0.0014	+/+
	L31783	94381_at		0.6	0.5	3	0.0100	+/+
	A1956230	93826_at		0.6	0.2	3	0.0409	+/+
	AF085745	104381_at		0.6	0.1	3	0.0390	+/+
	X13752	101044_at		0.6	0.3	3	0.0375	+/+
	A1853294	97386_at		0.6	0.3	3	0.0100	+/+
	D50430	98984_f_at		0.6	0.2	3	0.0001	+/+
	AW060750	160350_at		0.6	0.1	3	0.0301	+/+
	M55181	94516_f_at		0.6	0.2	3	0.0098	+/+
X87685	95787_s_at		0.6	0.4	3	0.0480	-/-	
A1844846	160711_at		0.6	0.2	3	0.0480	+/+	
AW212131	93994_at		0.5	0.2	3	0.0069	+/+	
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AW125478	96920_at		0.5	0.1	3	0.0001	+/+	
A1642098	104494_at		0.5	0.3	3	0.0083	+/+	
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AW012588	99571_at		0.5	0.3	3	0.0060	+/+	
AW049730	100597_at		0.5	0.3	3	0.0049	+/+	
AW046273	96947_at		0.5	0.2	3	0.0445	+/+	
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L23108	93332_at		0.5	0.2	3	0.0306	+/+	
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AW047554	104605_at		0.5	0.3	3	0.0013	+/+	
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A1534412	104412_at		0.4	0.0	3	0.0364	+/+	
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AW226939	101538_l_at			0.4	0.0	3	0.0189	+/+
U15012	99108_s_at			0.4	0.1	3	0.0317	+/+
U13705	101676_at			0.3	0.0	3	0.0001	+/+
X72862	92537_g_at			0.3	0.0	3	0.0410	+/+

* Absolute call is the Affymetrix parameter that measures detection. P=present A=absent. "A to P" indicates that a gene was called "absent" in control and "present" in adjacent *erbB2*/neu tissue. If a gene changes from absent to present or vice versa, then the fold change is irrelevant.

§ Fold change was derived from the Affymetrix signal log ratio (SLR). AN= adjacent neu, WT=wild-type control, and TU=tumor. The gray shaded rows denote <2.0 fold change for AN vs. WT.

† SOM CI # = self-organizing map cluster number. Clusters are shown in Figure 3B.

‡ p-value was calculated for average tumor versus average control using Welch's t-test with the Benjamini and Hochberg Multiple Testing Correction (False Discovery Rate of 5%).

** Repeated observation indicates whether the gene was confirmed by microarray data from 2 additional independent tumor samples. "+/+" indicates confirmed by both tumors analyzed, "+/-" or "-/+" by one tumor, and "-/-" by neither.

Figure II-4. Western blot analysis confirms alterations in components of the TGF- β pathway in ErbB2/Neu-induced mammary tumors. 150 μ g of whole cell lysate from mammary gland tissue was resolved by SDS-PAGE and transferred to PVDF membrane. Membranes were sequentially evaluated for the presence/absence of several TGF- β pathway components. E-cadherin was included as a marker for epithelial cell content and the IgG band represents a loading control.

Figure II-4

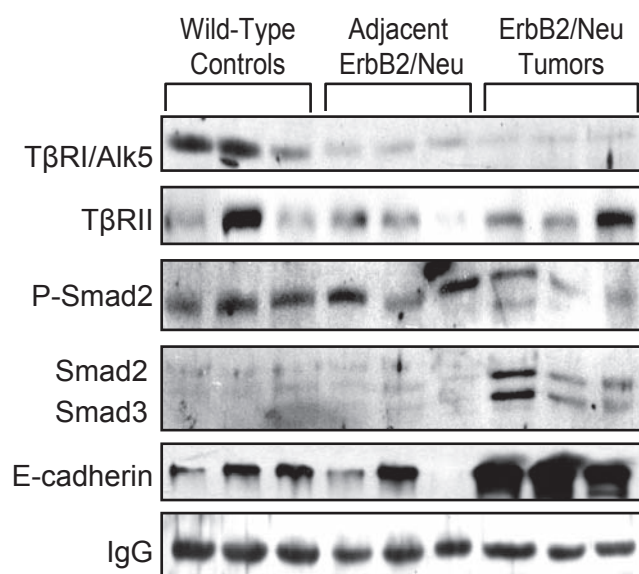
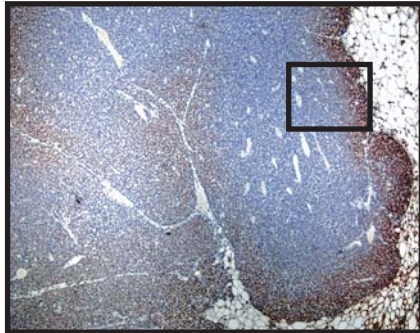


Figure II-5. Smad2 is inactive throughout ErbB2/Neu-induced mammary tumors except at the tumor/stroma interface. **A.** *Immunohistochemical analysis of phosphorylated and total Smad2 in ErbB2/Neu-induced tumors.* The top panels are representative immunohistochemical analyses for phosphorylated Smad2 and total Smad2/3 on ErbB2/Neu tumor sections (40X). The bottom panels are a higher magnification (200X) of the boxed area from the panels above. Note the selective nuclear staining (brown) in the enlarged sections, identifying cells with activated Smad2. Sections were counterstained with Gill's Hematoxylin (blue). Seven independent tumors from *ErbB2/neu* mice. These tumors were comparable to the size of tumors that were evaluated by microarray analyses and utilized for subsequent immunohistochemical analysis. **B.** *Assessment of DNA synthesis and apoptosis reveals cycling cells throughout ErbB2/Neu-induced mammary tumors.* The top panel (100X) is representative staining for BrdU (green). Nuclei were counterstained with DAPI (blue). The bottom panel (200X) is representative *in situ* analysis for apoptosis. The brown cells (indicated by arrows) are apoptotic cells. **C.** *Smad2 is activated throughout small ErbB2/Neu tumors.* The top panel is a representative immunohistochemical analysis for phosphorylated Smad2 on sections of small ErbB2/Neu tumors (40X). The bottom panel is a higher magnification (200X) of the boxed area from the panel on top. Note the selective nuclear staining (brown) in the enlarged section, identifying cells with activated Smad2. Sections were counterstained with Gill's Hematoxylin (blue).

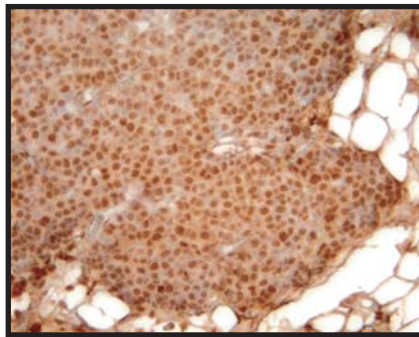
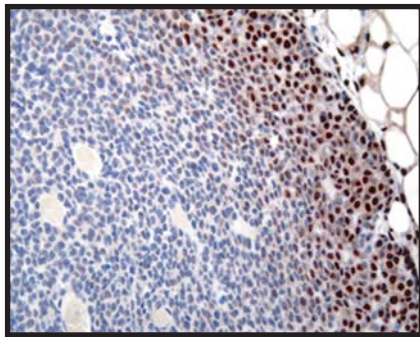
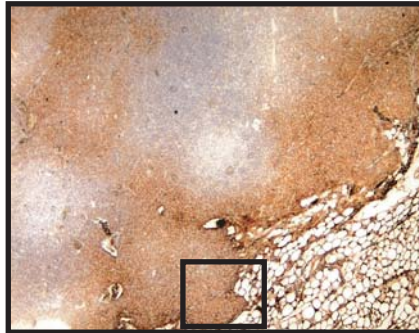
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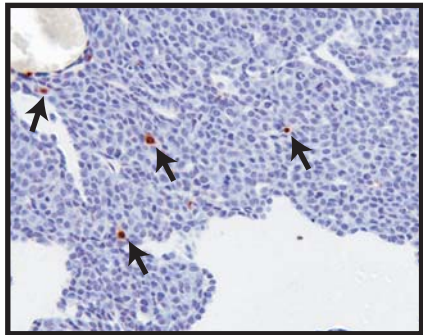
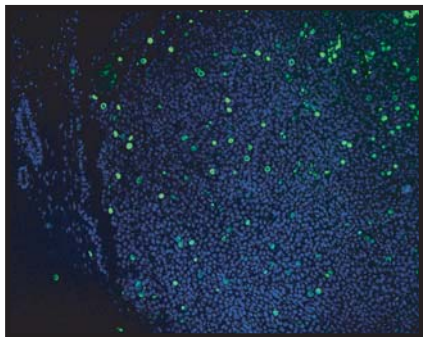
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IHC: Total Smad2/3



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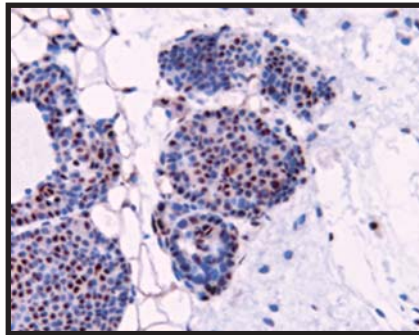
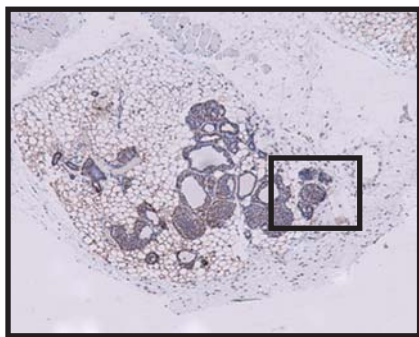


Figure II-6. Immunohistochemical analysis demonstrates heterogeneous activation of the ErbB2/Neu Receptor in ErbB2/Neu tumor sections. The top panels (40X) are representative ErbB2/Neu tumor sections that were incubated with antibodies to total ErbB2/Neu and phosphorylated ErbB2/Neu (P-877 and P-1248). The bottom panels (400X) are higher magnifications of the boxed areas in the top panels. Note the selective membrane staining (brown). Sections were counterstained with Gill's Hematoxylin (blue).

Figure II-6

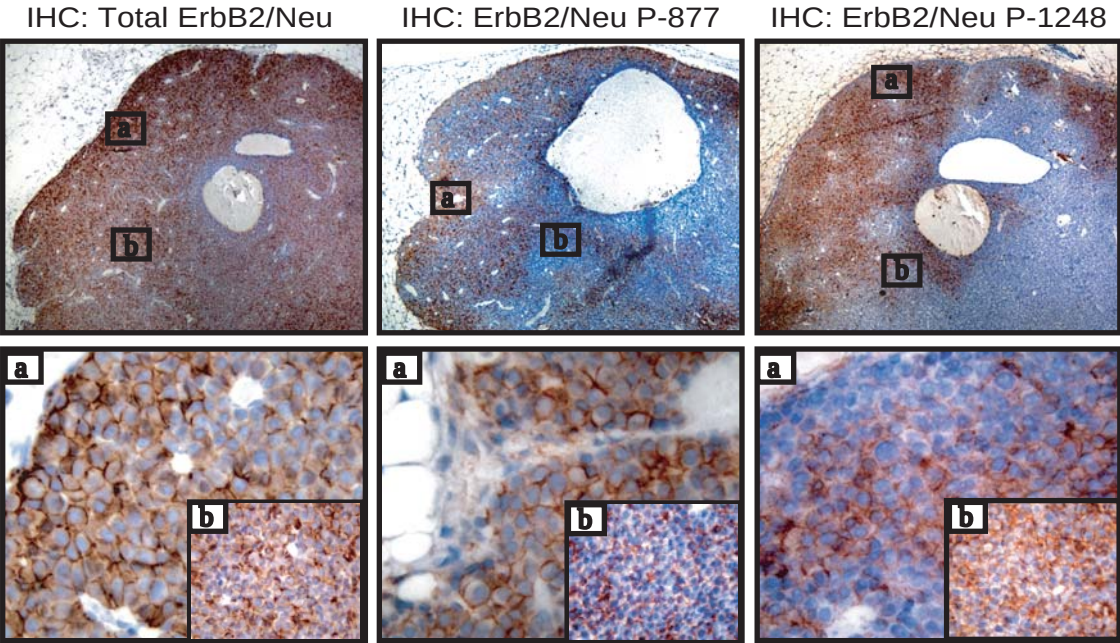


Figure II-7. Immunohistochemical assessment reveals loss of detectable TGF- β -Receptor-I in adjacent ErbB2/Neu mammary gland and ErbB2/Neu Tumor Epithelia. The panels contain representative immunohistochemical staining for TGF- β -Receptor-I/ALK5 in wild-type control tissue sections (**a**, 200X), adjacent ErbB2/Neu tissues (**b**, 200X), and the ErbB2/Neu tumor tissues (**c**, 200X). Note the brown epithelial cells (arrow) in wild-type glands and the loss of this staining in epithelial cells in adjacent glands and tumors (arrows).

Figure II-7

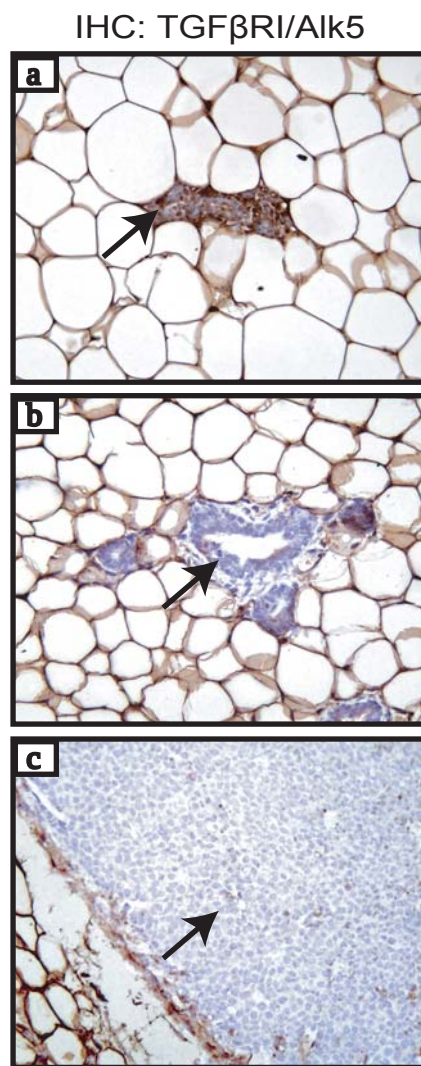
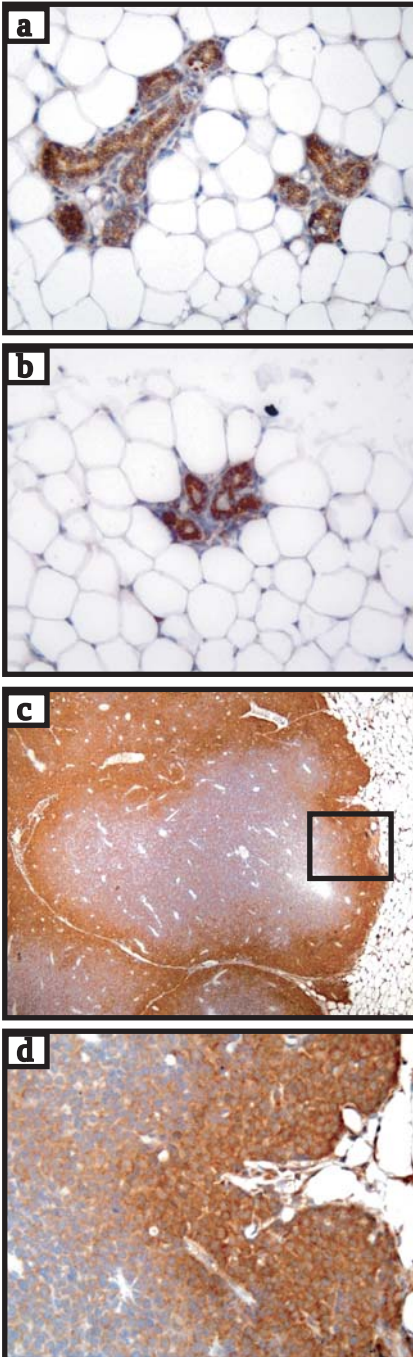


Figure II-8. Activin-Receptor-IB/ALK4 expression correlates with active Smad2 signaling. The panels contain representative immunohistochemical staining for Activin-Receptor-IB on wild-type mammary glands (**a**, 200X), adjacent ErbB2/Neu mammary glands (**b**, 200X), and ErbB2/Neu tumor sections (**c**, 40X). The bottom panel is a higher magnification (**d**, 200X) of the boxed area from the ErbB2/Neu tumor panel above. Sections were counterstained with Gill's Hematoxylin (blue).

Figure II-8

IHC: ActRIB/Alk4



CHAPTER III

SUSTAINED TROPHISM OF THE MAMMARY GLAND IS SUFFICIENT TO ACCELERATE AND SYNCHRONIZE DEVELOPMENT OF ERBB2/NEU- INDUCED TUMORS

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INTRODUCTION

Although it is well established that pregnancy and lactation provide long-term protection against breast cancer, epidemiological studies also indicate that risk for this disease is transiently elevated with parity (Kelsey et al., 1993; Lambe et al., 1994; Robertson et al., 1997). Indeed, there is a 15-year period of increased risk post-pregnancy that peaks 5 years after parturition in uniparous women and 3 years after delivery in biparous women compared to nulliparous women (Liu et al., 2002). This increased parity-associated risk suggests that the hormones that are elevated during pregnancy can adversely affect the mammary gland, possibly promoting growth of cells that have already undergone malignant transformation. Alternatively, epidemiological studies suggest that the hormonal milieu of the mammary gland during pregnancy and lactation promotes acquisition of a cell population that is particularly susceptible to transformation by HER2, also known as ErbB2 or Neu. HER2 expression is associated with increased parity-induced risk of breast cancer in women (Reed et al., 2003), and women that have been pregnant and have breastfed acquire a 4.2-fold increased risk of developing

HER2 positive breast cancers than their counterparts that never breastfed (Treurniet et al., 1992). The mechanisms responsible for the increased risk of developing HER2-positive breast cancer following pregnancy and lactation remain to be elucidated.

A recent report by Wagner and colleagues (Henry et al., 2004) suggested that induction of susceptible mammary epithelial cells during pregnancy and retention of these cells following involution may account for the parity-associated acceleration of ErbB2/Neu mammary tumorigenesis. This study involved the use of the MMTV-*Neu* mouse model of ErbB2/Neu-induced breast cancer, which overexpresses the proto-oncogenic form of rat ErbB2, *Neu*, under control of the mouse mammary tumor virus (MMTV) promoter. These transgenic mice acquire mammary tumors with long latency and eventually develop pulmonary metastases (Guy et al., 1992). The mammary tumors are estrogen-receptor negative (Wu et al., 2002), solid, nodular lesions composed of intermediate cells that histologically resemble a subset of human breast tumors (Cardiff et al., 2000). While parity accelerates mammary tumorigenesis in MMTV-*Neu* mice compared to their nonparous littermates, tumor development remains stochastic in nature (Anisimov et al., 2003; Guy et al., 1992; Henry et al., 2004).

Breast tumorigenesis is a multi-step process, as reflected by the stochastic kinetics of tumor development (Beckmann et al., 1997; Hanahan and Weinberg, 2000). The stochastic nature of tumor development in multiparous, MMTV-*Neu*

mice suggests that mechanisms above and beyond overexpression of ErbB2/Neu and the stimulus of pregnancy hormones are required to cause malignant transformation of mammary epithelial cells. What are these additional events or “hits” that contribute to ErbB2/Neu-induced tumorigenesis and can they be attributed to factors other than random genetic events? We postulated that the timing of pregnancy may significantly impact the formation of tumor-susceptible cells because it has previously been shown that terminal end buds, which form during puberty, are particularly susceptible to oncogenic insults (Russo and Russo, 1996; Singletary et al., 1991). Alternatively, we surmised that chronic hormonal maintenance, rather than broad fluctuations that occur during the brief mouse pregnancy, may provide a milieu that contributes more significantly to susceptibility.

To examine these possibilities, we carried out two independent tumor palpation studies. To examine the effects of timing of pregnancy on ErbB2/Neu-mediated tumor development, we maintained MMTV-*Neu* female mice in a pregnant or lactating state beginning at three weeks of age. This correlates with the onset of puberty when terminal end buds are just beginning to form (Hennighausen and Robinson, 2001). To determine whether chronic trophic maintenance of the mammary epithelial cells would modulate ErbB2/Neu-initiated tumorigenesis, we bred the MMTV-*Neu* mice with a model of ovarian hyperstimulation (LH-overexpressing mice; (Risma et al., 1995). The LH-overexpressing mice have elevated serum levels of estradiol and progesterone by 5 weeks of age. This

results in an ovary-dependent hyperproliferative mammary gland phenotype reflective of a mid-pregnant gland at both the morphological and molecular level (Milliken et al., 2002). In addition to permitting an assessment of chronic trophism on ErbB2/Neu-induced tumor susceptibility, the bitransgenic mice generated by these breedings allowed us to identify critical time points for evaluation of molecular events that contribute to early events of the ErbB2/Neu-mediated tumorigenic cascade.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Early pregnancy accelerates ErbB2/Neu-induced mammary tumorigenesis

During puberty, the developing mammary gland is particularly susceptible to carcinogenesis (Hancock et al., 1993; Land et al., 2003; Russo and Russo, 1998; Tokunaga et al., 1979). Since adult pregnancy increases susceptibility to ErbB2/Neu-induced tumorigenesis, we postulated that chronic pregnancy/lactation initiated at puberty may provide a further increase in the susceptible cell population for ErbB2/Neu-induced transformation, possibly leading to synchronous tumor formation. To determine whether timing of pregnancy affects ErbB2/Neu-mediated tumorigenesis, MMTV-*Neu* female mice were superovulated and then continuously housed with male mice to maintain the females in a pregnant or lactating state beginning at three weeks of age. Following weekly palpation to detect developing mammary tumors, tumor latency in the multiparous, superovulated MMTV-*Neu* mice was compared to that of virgin MMTV-*Neu* mice. The multiparous, superovulated MMTV-*Neu* mice

demonstrated accelerated tumor development (**Figure III-1**, 25.1 ± 5.0 weeks) compared to virgin MMTV-*Neu* mice (34.0 ± 10.1 weeks). The acceleration of tumorigenesis by early pregnancy is consistent with the window of increased vulnerability during early reproductive age identified by chemical carcinogenic studies in rodent models (reviewed in (Russo and Russo, 1998) and human epidemiological studies (Hancock et al., 1993; Land et al., 2003; Tokunaga et al., 1979). However, tumor development remained somewhat stochastic within the population, suggesting that other rate-limiting steps are necessary for the formation of an ErbB2/*Neu* tumor. We speculated that such events may simply involve sustained trophism of the gland as opposed to the vast hormonal fluctuations that occur during repeated pregnancy and lactation.

Trophic maintenance of the mammary gland causes accelerated, synchronous development of ErbB2/*Neu*-induced mammary tumors

To determine whether chronic trophic maintenance of mammary epithelial cells would provide the necessary support to bypass the rate-limiting, stochastic step in tumor formation, we generated bitransgenic mice by breeding the MMTV-*Neu* mice with a model of ovarian hyperstimulation (LH-overexpressing mice) which have elevated circulating estradiol, progesterone, and prolactin, display a chronic mid-pregnancy-like mammary gland phenotype, and ultimately develop pathologically diverse mammary tumors at a late age (Milliken et al., 2002). Bi- and single transgenic mice were assessed for mammary tumor development by weekly palpation. Tumors were 3-4 mm in diameter upon palpation and confirmed histologically. Tumor development in the bitransgenic mice was

accelerated (**Figure III-2A**, 17.7 ± 2.0 weeks) compared to virgin (34.1 ± 10.1 weeks) or multiparous, superovulated MMTV-*Neu* mice (25.1 ± 5.0 weeks) or LH-overexpressing mice (43.0 ± 7.4 weeks). The bitransgenic mice also had an increase in the multiplicity of tumors, yielding a greater tumor burden compared to the MMTV-*Neu* single transgenics (**Figure III-2B**). The increased multiplicity and short range of tumor development (S.D. = 2.0 weeks) indicates that tumors are forming in the bitransgenic mice in a much more synchronous manner. These results suggest that trophic maintenance of the mammary gland is sufficient to promote ErbB2/*Neu*-induced tumorigenesis and removes the requirement for additional stochastic insults prior to tumor development.

Bitransgenic mammary tumors are analogous to ErbB2/*Neu*-induced tumors, both morphologically and molecularly

It was possible that accelerated tumor development in the bitransgenic mice was due to activation of distinct tumorigenic pathways compared to those that occurred in mice with just the MMTV-*Neu* transgene. If so, one would expect that either the morphological appearance or the molecular profile of the tumors from these two strains of mice would be distinct. MMTV-*Neu* mice develop signature solid, nodular tumors composed of intermediate cells (Cardiff et al., 2000; Cardiff and Wellings, 1999). However, more aggressive tumors have been reported for MMTV-*Neu* mice that were chronically treated with high levels of 17β -estradiol (Yang et al., 2003). To determine whether the bitransgenic mammary tumors were indeed ErbB2/*Neu*-induced tumors or whether they were derived by alternative, perhaps hormonally-induced, pathways we examined both

the histopathology and the molecular profiles of these tumors. Tumor pathology was evaluated according to the guidelines of the Annapolis Pathology Panel (Cardiff et al., 2000). Bitransgenic mice developed solid, nodular mammary tumors that were morphologically identical to the characteristic MMTV-*Neu* tumors (**Figure III-3A**). While histologically both MMTV-*Neu* and bitransgenic tumors remain well circumscribed, pulmonary metastases formation provides evidence for the malignant nature of these tumors. The incidence of pulmonary metastases occurring in both MMTV-*Neu* and bi-transgenic mice was highly variable and no obvious difference in the number of metastases was observed between these groups (data not shown). Gene expression profiling provided further evidence that the bitransgenic tumors were very similar to the MMTV-*Neu* tumors. Affymetrix MGU74Av2 arrays were used to evaluate the gene expression pattern of mammary tumors from bitransgenic, MMTV-*Neu*, and LH-overexpressing mice. Microarray data was generated for three individual bitransgenic tumors and compared to the microarray data of two tumors from LH-overexpressing mice and five MMTV-*Neu* tumors that we reported previously (Landis et al., 2005). Hierarchical clustering analysis of this data positioned the bitransgenic tumor samples interspersed among the MMTV-*Neu* tumor samples within the same arm of the hierarchical dendrogram (**Figure III-3B**), indicating that the bitransgenic tumors are no more different from MMTV-*Neu* tumors than MMTV-*Neu* tumors are from each other. The tumors from the LH-overexpressing mice were placed on an entirely separate arm of the hierarchical dendrogram from the ErbB2/*Neu*-derived tumors, indicating their very distinct molecular

signature. Hence, the bitransgenic mice develop characteristic MMTV-*Neu* mammary tumors, signifying that ErbB2/*Neu*-induced mechanisms of tumorigenesis dominate in bitransgenic tumors and that the accelerated tumorigenesis in this model is not due to alternative mechanisms of tumorigenesis induced by the hormonal milieu in the bitransgenic mice.

Accelerated and synchronous tumorigenesis in bitransgenic mice compared to pregnant and/or virgin MMTV-*Neu* mice is not due to altered expression or mutagenesis of the MMTV-*Neu* transgene

The hormonally-responsive MMTV promoter is induced during late pregnancy and lactation (reviewed in (Gunzburg and Salmons, 1992). Thus, accelerated tumor development in bitransgenic mice could simply be due to increased expression of the transgene in these animals. To determine whether elevated transgene expression is responsible for the more synchronous development of mammary tumors in the bitransgenic mice compared to parous MMTV-*Neu* mice, we examined MMTV-*Neu* transgene expression by northern blot analysis of RNA from bitransgenic mammary glands and pregnant MMTV-*Neu* mammary glands (**Figure III-4A**). MMTV-*Neu* transgene expression was similar or even lower in the bitransgenic mammary glands compared to the pregnant MMTV-*Neu* mammary glands. This suggests that higher transgene expression is not responsible for the shift in latency between these hormonally driven states. In considering alternative mechanisms for enhanced tumorigenesis in bitransgenic mice, we explored the possibility that bitransgenic mice might accumulate mutations in the MMTV-*Neu* transgene. Activating mutations within the

MMTV-*Neu* transgene have previously been reported by Siegel et al. (Siegel et al., 1994). These mutations involve a deletion within the juxtamembrane domain and have been reported to occur in ~65% of tumors. This has led to the assumption that tumor formation in the majority of MMTV-*Neu* mice requires such mutations. To determine if the altered hormonal milieu in bi-transgenic mice might promote mutations within the transgene, we assessed tumor mRNA from both bitransgenic and MMTV-*Neu* mice for presence of these activating mutations. From sequencing (data not shown) and RT-PCR analysis of the MMTV-*Neu* transgene (**Figure III-4B**), we found that no MMTV-*Neu* single transgenic tumors contained evidence of somatic mutations in the transgene and only 1 of 4 bitransgenic tumors contained a deletion in the MMTV-*Neu* transgene. In summary, these data reveal that mechanisms other than altered transgene expression or somatic mutations within the transgene are responsible for the synchrony of tumor development in the bitransgenic mice. We propose that such mechanisms involve trophic stimulation and maintenance of the susceptible cell population that has previously been identified by Wagner and colleagues (Henry et al., 2004).

The bitransgenic mammary gland becomes committed to tumorigenesis during a three-week window

To determine how long chronic hormonal stimulation is required for enhancing tumor susceptibility, we performed ovariectomy experiments on the bitransgenic mice to remove hormonal contributions of the ovary and assessed mammary gland morphology as well as tumor development. Mammary glands from

bitransgenic mice that were ovariectomized at 8 weeks of age had sustained hyperplasia two weeks following the surgery (**Figure III-5**). This suggests that irreversible events have already occurred by this age, maintaining hyperplasia in an ovarian hormone-independent state after only a few weeks of chronic hormonal input. Furthermore, animals ovariectomized at 8-weeks still developed mammary tumors more rapidly (25.0 ± 21.8) than the virgin MMTV-*Neu* mice (34.1 ± 10.0), but delayed compared to sham-operated bitransgenic mice (19.5 ± 2.2 ; **Figure III-6**). Importantly, tumor development across the cohort regained a stochastic pattern. This further supports the conclusion that chronic trophism by ovarian hormones can provide an environment that eliminates the need for numerous random events prior to tumor formation.

In a similar experiment involving ovariectomy at 5 weeks of age, only thirty percent of mice developed palpable tumors by two years of age (Figure III-6). This indicates that the mammary epithelial cells from 5-week-old bitransgenic mice have not yet become transformed at the time of ovariectomy or that additional tumorigenic insults fail to occur in these mice following removal of the ovaries. Furthermore, these ovariectomy/palpation experiments suggest that the bitransgenic mammary gland becomes committed to tumorigenesis between 5 and 8 weeks of age. Attempts to narrow this window further by ovariectomizing mice at 6 and 7 weeks of age generated intermediate tumor curves between the 5- and 8-week-ovariectomy tumor curves (data not shown). From these data, we conclude that only a three-week window of trophic support (i.e. from 5 to 8 weeks of age) is required for commitment to ErbB2/Neu-induced mammary

tumorigenesis. Defining this window permitted the identification of two temporally distinct physiological stages of the bitransgenic mammary gland: non-committed and committed to tumorigenesis.

Identification of genes whose expression changes during the transition from normal to preneoplastic mammary tissue

While significant progress has been made regarding understanding the processes of late stages of breast tumorigenesis and characterization of tumor types, mechanisms underlying earlier steps ranging from normal to preneoplastic and ultimately to overt tumors are not well understood. The window of commitment to ErbB2/Neu-induced tumorigenesis that we identified herein provided two critical time points in which to examine molecular changes that occur in the progression from normal (before 5-weeks) to preneoplastic (after 8-weeks) mammary glands.

To identify genes that may facilitate early steps of ErbB2/Neu-mediated mammary tumorigenesis, we performed comparative microarray analysis of 5- and 10-week bitransgenic mammary glands from ovary-intact mice in triplicate. Ten week glands were used as the preneoplastic time point because preliminary experiments with glands from 8-week-old mice failed to detect a significant number of expression changes. This is probably due to the small size of the preneoplastic cell population at 8 weeks of age. Importantly, 10 week glands do not contain overt tumors as determined by whole mount analysis (data not shown). We analyzed 3 pooled RNA samples that represented 3 animals for

each time point so that a total of 9 bitransgenic animals were analyzed per time point. From this analysis, 2793 of 45101 analyzed probe sets were identified as changed according to the Affymetrix change call parameter in all of the 10-week samples compared to the 5-week bitransgenic samples. This data has been submitted to GEO omnibus (<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/geo>).

We compared the list of genes that changed expression during the transition from non-committed to committed mammary tissue in this report with those identified in our previous study of ErbB2/Neu-expressing preneoplastic mammary glands and tumors (Landis et al., 2005) and identified the expression changes that are consistent between the two approaches. Previously, we identified an ErbB2/Neu-induced mammary tumor molecular signature by comparing the partial transcriptomes of tumors from MMTV-*Neu* mice to those of mammary glands from age-matched, wild-type animals (Landis et al., 2005). Of the 324 genes contained in the molecular signature for ErbB2/Neu-induced mammary tumors, 119 were also changed in the comparison of 10-week committed mammary glands versus the 5-week non-committed glands reported herein (**Table III-1**), indicating that these genes are altered during early events of tumorigenesis and maintained in overt tumors. We, also, previously identified genes whose expression was altered in preneoplastic mammary gland tissue and retained in the ErbB2/Neu tumor signature. In that study, the adjacent mammary gland that housed, but did not directly contact, a palpable ErbB2/Neu-induced mammary tumor in MMTV-*Neu* mice was used to represent preneoplastic mammary tissue. Of the 82 preneoplasia genes identified previously, 32 were

observed in the current comparison of committed (10-week-old) versus non-committed (5-week-old) mammary glands (**Table III-2**). Identification of these genes by two independent approaches using different mouse models strongly supports the notion that these genes may be transcriptional targets of ErbB2/Neu and/or that they contribute to early neoplastic events of ErbB2/Neu-induced mammary tumorigenesis.

Several (*Idb2*, *Tpd52*, *Ghr*, *Ppp2r*) of the 32 genes identified by both approaches have previously been associated with human breast cancer (Boutros et al., 2004; Calin et al., 2000; Gebre-Medhin et al., 2001; Stighall et al., 2005), corroborating this method for identifying genes involved in early stages of mammary gland tumorigenesis. In addition, 44% of the genes identified by this approach have known roles in cellular metabolism. Acyl-CoA synthetase (*Acs14*) expression is elevated in both hepatocellular carcinoma and colonadenocarcinoma and has been shown to block apoptosis and promote colon carcinogenesis (Cao et al., 2000; Cao et al., 2001; Kurokawa et al., 2004; Liang et al., 2005; Sung et al., 2003). The downregulation of several genes involved in fatty acid oxidation (*Decr1*, *Adipor2*), electron transfer (*Etfb*, *Nr1h3*), triglyceride synthesis (*Dgat1*), diversion from glycolysis (*Pgm2*), and inhibition of insulin-like growth factor (*Igfbp6*) may be reflective of the well described alteration of energy metabolism in human tumors (Board et al., 1990; Dutu et al., 1980; Hennipman et al., 1987; Macheda et al., 2005; Mazurek et al., 2002; Warburg, 1956). Malignant cells have increased glycolysis, suppression of mitochondrial energy production, increased nucleogenesis, increased *de novo* fatty acid synthesis with decreased

triglyceride production, activated glutaminolysis, and activated serinolysis (Mazurek et al., 2002) which is consistent with the early expression changes we have observed in tissues committed to form an ErbB2/Neu tumor. Moreover, these metabolic changes precede morphological changes in human carcinogenesis (McDermott et al., 1990). The identification of altered expression of these metabolic enzymes in preneoplastic mammary glands substantiates the ability of this microarray approach to identify early events of tumorigenesis. Further investigation of the genes described herein that undergo a change in expression with commitment to tumorigenesis should improve our understanding of early events of ErbB2/Neu-induced neoplasia.

The data presented herein reveal that trophic maintenance of mammary epithelial cells is sufficient to generate synchronous growth of ErbB2/Neu-mediated mammary tumors, suggesting that hormonal input provides the secondary events necessary for tumor formation in this model. How does chronic trophism cause synchronous tumor formation? Two experiments in this report oppose the presumption that elevated transgene expression is the sole contributing factor. Northern blot analysis indicated that the transgene is expressed at similar levels in the bitransgenic mammary gland compared to pregnant MMTV-*Neu* glands, yet multiparous MMTV-*Neu* mice develop tumors in a stochastic manner (Anisimov et al., 2003; Guy et al., 1992; Henry et al., 2004). Furthermore, early pregnancy, which would induce the transgene in the multiparous/superovulated MMTV-*Neu* mice at a vulnerable age, accelerated tumorigenesis, but, again, the tumor curve remained stochastic in nature. These

results indicate that hormonal stimulation of transgene expression does not provide the requisite mechanisms for synchronous tumor development. Alternatively, Wagner and colleagues have identified a parity-induced target population of cells that are susceptible to ErbB2/Neu transformation (Henry et al., 2004). Since the mammary glands of LH-overexpressing mice are highly similar to mid-pregnancy glands (Milliken et al., 2002), it is likely that a similar susceptible cell population is induced and maintained in the hormonal environment of these mice. Elevated expression of whey acidic protein, the marker of this ErbB2/Neu-targeted cell population, occurs in the mammary glands of LH-overexpressing mice (Milliken et al., 2002), further corroborating this supposition. Determining whether this parity-induced population of cells exists in LH-overexpressing mice is the subject of ongoing studies.

In conclusion, we have found that chronic trophic input to the mammary gland is sufficient to convert the stochastic pattern of ErbB2/Neu-induced tumorigenesis in virgin mice to a more rapid and synchronous pattern. This indicates that secondary events required for ErbB2/Neu-induced tumor development may take the form of hormonal stimulation rather than complex multi-step genetic events that are followed by natural selection. Hormonal stimulation for just 3 weeks is sufficient for acceleration of tumor formation. However, chronic stimulation is required for the apparent synchronous formation of tumors. This suggests that in addition to pregnancy hormones inducing a susceptible cell population as described by Henry, et al., (2004), chronic maintenance of this cell population contributes substantially to overt tumor susceptibility.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Materials

Radiolabeled nucleotides were purchased from Perkin Elmer Life Sciences (Boston, MA, USA). All chemicals were purchased from Sigma (St. Louis, MO, USA). Primers were synthesized by Genosys (The Woodlands, TX, USA).

Mice

All animals were housed in micro-isolator plus units under pathogen-free conditions with a 12-hour light/dark cycle. Food and water were provided *ad libitum*. Mice harboring the mouse mammary tumor virus (MMTV)-*Neu* transgene (FVB/N-Tg(MMTVneu)202Mul/J) (Guy et al., 1992) were purchased from Jackson Laboratories (Bar Harbor, ME, USA) and bred with luteinizing hormone (LH)-overexpressing mice (Risma et al., 1995) to generate a colony of bitransgenic mice. The bitransgenic mice were hemizygous for the MMTV-*Neu* transgene. The LH-overexpressing mice (CF-1 genetic background) were bred at least 4 generations into the MMTV-*Neu* (FVB/N) strain. The genotypes of the mice were determined by PCR amplification of tail DNA with transgene-specific primers as previously reported (Kero et al., 2000); (Landis et al., 2005). Mice were palpated weekly to detect mammary tumors. By external caliper assessment, tumors were approximately 3-4 mm in diameter when detected. Graphs of tumor data were generated and statistically evaluated using Kaplan-Meier survival analysis. Most mice that developed tumors were euthanized to isolate tissues following palpation. In some cases, mice were kept for 4-6 weeks

after initial tumor detection for collection of larger tumors, assessment of multiplicity, and analysis of metastatic progression.

For tumor multiplicity and lung metastases evaluation, mice with a primary tumor volume ranging from 340-1654mm² were killed as described above and total primary tumor numbers were counted. Lungs were harvested and fixed overnight in 4% paraformaldehyde at 4°C and held in PBS until processed for paraffin sectioning. Every 10th section of lung was collected and stained hematoxylin and eosin until 10 slides were obtained from each lung. Total number of metastases and pulmonary emboli were counted in each section. All animal studies were approved by the Case Western Reserve University Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee.

Superovulation

To induce early/simultaneous ovulation, pregnant mares' serum gonadotropin (PMSG) (Sigma, St. Louis, MO, USA; 5 i.u. PMSG and 0.05 mg bovine serum albumin per ml sterile saline) followed by human chorionic gonadotropin (5 USP units in sterile saline; Ayerst APL, New York, New York, USA) 48 hours later was administered to three-week-old female mice. The superovulated mice were then housed with male mice and copulation was verified by presence of vaginal plugs. To maintain these mice in a pregnant or lactating state, they were continuously housed with male mice.

Ovariectomy

Ovariectomy and sham surgeries were performed under avertin anesthesia as described (Milliken et al., 2002). The mice were 5, 6, 7, or 8 weeks of age. Subsequently, mice were either killed by CO₂ asphyxiation 2 weeks following surgery to isolate tissues for histological and whole mount analysis or palpated weekly to detect developing mammary tumors.

Microarray analysis

All microarray data has been submitted to Gene Expression Omnibus (GEO, <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/geo>; Accession # GSE3501) according to according to Minimum Information About a Microarray Experiment (MIAME) guidelines (Brazma et al., 2001). Microarray analyses were carried out as described (Landis et al., 2005). Briefly, for each mammary gland age group, RNA was isolated from the thoracic mammary glands of nine animals and pooled into 3 groups, each representing three individual animals. Biotinylated cRNA was synthesized from 10 µg of total RNA and hybridized to the Affymetrix Murine 430v2 GeneChip Arrays (Santa Clara, CA, USA) which contains 45101 probe sets. For tumor data, total RNA was isolated from three individual tumors and the biotinylated cRNA probes were hybridized to three Affymetrix Murine U74Av2 GeneChip Arrays (Santa Clara, CA, USA) which contains 12488 probe sets. Computational analyses were performed with Microarray Suite (v.5.0, Affymetrix), Data Mining Tool (DMT v.3.0, Affymetrix), MicroDB (v.3.0, Affymetrix), and GeneSpring (v.6.0, Silicon Genetics) software. For comparison to our previous

study (Landis et al., 2005), we identified probe sets that were included on both microarray platforms and determined which of these genes exhibited changes in expression level. 10038 probe sets on the MOE430v2 array were represented by probe sets on the Murine U74Av2 according to Affymetrix “good match” criteria (<http://www.affymetrix.com/support/technical/>). Because these studies were performed on different microarray platforms, the fold change values can not be directly compared.

Northern blot analysis

Northern blot analysis was performed as described (Landis et al., 2005). Briefly, 20 µg of TRIzol purified (Invitrogen, Carlsbad, CA, USA) total RNA was separated by gel electrophoresis on a 1% denaturing agarose gel and then transferred to Hybond-N+ Nylon membrane (Amersham Pharmacia Biotech, Visscataway, NJ, USA). Membranes were hybridized with a radio-labeled, double-stranded DNA probe to rat *Neu* (α -³²P-dCTP; DECAprime II, Ambion, Austin, TX, USA) in QuikHyb solution (Stratagene, Cedar Creek, TX, USA) according to the manufacturer’s protocol. The DNA probe was PCR amplified with the *Neu* transgene primers (Landis et al., 2005).

Reverse transcription (RT)–PCR assessment of transgene mutations

The synthesis of single stranded cDNA from tumor samples was performed as previously described (Siegel et al., 1994) with minor modifications. PCR was performed to amplify a 237 base-pair region encompassing the area of multiple deletion mutations in the rat *Neu* cDNA (Siegel et al., 1994) using the following

primers: NeuF1842: 5'-GAAACCGGACCTCTCCTACA-3' and NeuR2079: 5'-CGGATCTTCTGTCTCCTTCG-3'. The PCR cycling conditions were: 95°C for 5 min; (95°C for 1.5min, 60°C for 2min, 72°C for 3min) x 35 cycles, 72°C for 8 min for elongation and held at 4°C until electrophoresis. PCR products were separated on an 8% acrylamide gel, dried, and exposed to film for 18 hours.

Morphological examination

Whole mounts and histology of abdominal (#4 or #9) mammary glands were prepared as described (Milliken et al., 2002). Briefly, for whole mount analysis, glands were preserved in Kahle's fixative, stained with Carmine Alum stain (2% carmine (w/v), 5% aluminum potassium sulfate (w/v) in water) overnight, cleared in xylene, and mounted on glass slides with Permount. For histological analysis, glands were fixed in 4% (w/v) paraformaldehyde/PBS overnight, paraffin-embedded, cut into 5- μ m sections, and stained with hematoxylin and eosin.

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Figure III-1. Early pregnancy accelerates ErbB2/Neu-induced mammary tumorigenesis. MMTV-*Neu* female mice were superovulated and then continuously housed with male mice to maintain female mice pregnant or lactating starting at three weeks of age. Mammary tumor development was assessed by weekly palpation. Statistical analysis and graphical representation of tumor development was generated by Kaplan-Meier survival analysis. Sensored events, or animals that were removed from the study for reasons unrelated to tumor development, were included in the analysis. The median tumor latencies for the multiparous, superovulated MMTV-*Neu* (■, n = 16, sensored = 0) and virgin MMTV-*Neu* (●, n = 37, sensored = 6) animals were 25.1 ± 5.0 and 34.0 ± 10.1 (median $\pm$ S.D.) weeks, respectively. Tumor curves for superovulated and virgin MMTV-*Neu* mice were significantly different (log rank test Chi Square = 27.4, $p < 0.0001$).

Figure III-1

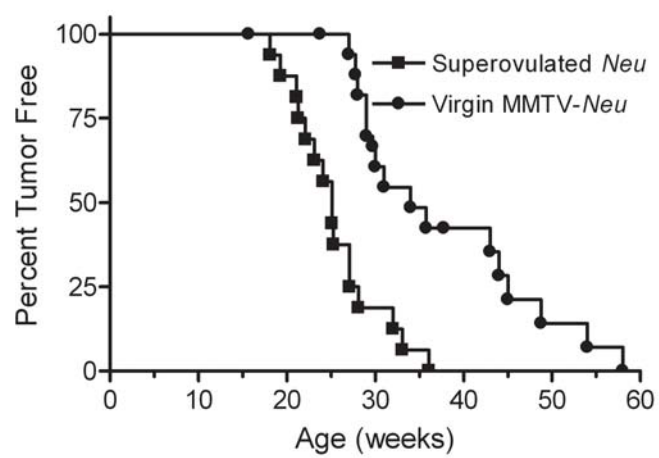


Figure III-2. Trophic maintenance of the mammary gland causes accelerated, synchronous development of ErbB2/Neu-induced mammary tumors. **A.** *MMTV-Neu mice were bred with LH-overexpressing mice to generate bitransgenic and control (MMTV-Neu and LH-overexpressing) animals. Mammary tumor development was assessed by weekly palpation. Statistical analysis and graphical representation of tumor development was generated by Kaplan-Meier survival analysis. Sensored events, or animals that were removed from the study for reasons unrelated to tumor development, were included in the analysis. The median tumor latencies for the bitransgenic (▲, n = 20, sensored = 0) and LH-overexpressing mice (◆, n = 16, sensored = 6) were 17.7 ± 2.0 and 43.0 ± 7.4 (median $\pm$ S.D.) weeks, respectively. The bitransgenic tumor curve is significantly different than the tumor curves for both the virgin MMTV-Neu mice (log rank test Chi Square = 76.0, $p < 0.0001$) and the superovulated MMTV-Neu mice (log rank test Chi Square = 32.1, $p < 0.0001$). Note that the virgin MMTV-Neu tumor curve from III-1 is shown in gray for comparison.* **B.** *Bitransgenic mice have increased tumor burden compared to MMTV-Neu single transgenics. Mice with primary tumor volumes ranging from 340-1654mm² were killed and total primary tumor numbers were counted. Tumor burden was significantly greater (two-tailed t-test, $p < 0.05$) in the bitransgenic mice (n = 4; 8.2 ± 1.6) compared to MMTV-Neu single transgenics (n = 4; 3.0 ± 0.7).*

Figure III-2

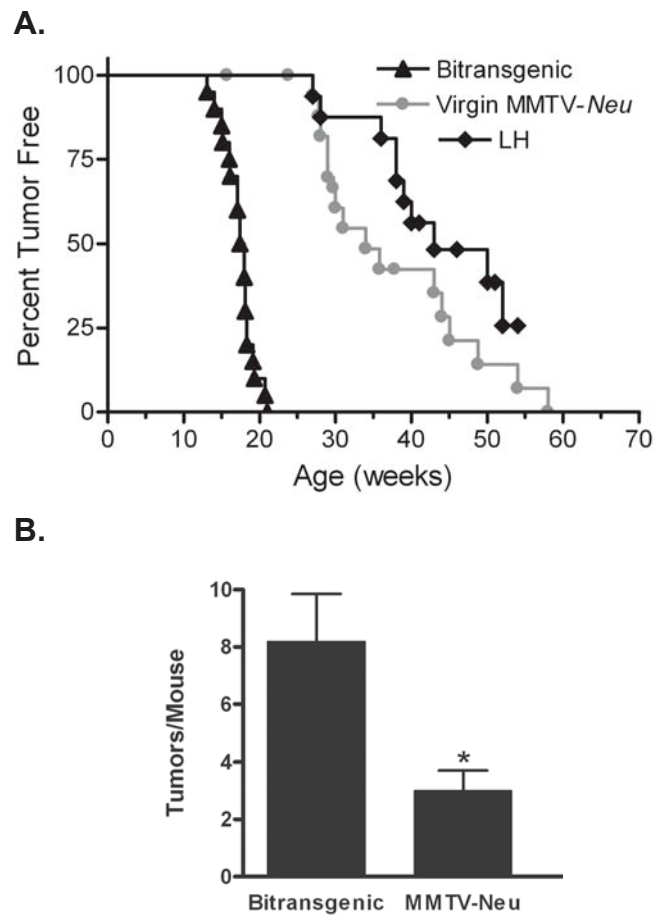
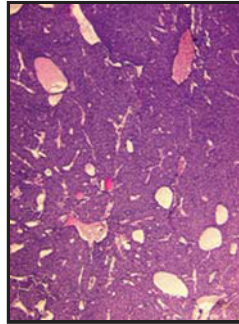


Figure III-3. Bitransgenic mammary tumors are analogous to ErbB2/Neu-induced tumors, both morphologically and molecularly. **A.** *Bitransgenic and MMTV-Neu mice develop identical nodular mammary adenocarcinomas.* Five micron sections of paraffin-embedded tumor tissue were stained with Hematoxylin and Eosin. Representative images (100X) are shown. **B.** *Gene expression microarray analysis reveals that the molecular profiles of bitransgenic and MMTV-Neu tumors are very similar.* A dendrogram derived from two-way hierarchical clustering analysis of the 12488 probe sets included on the Affymetrix Murine U74Av2 GeneChip is shown. Tumor types are grouped vertically, and genes are grouped horizontally. The arms of the tree are color coded by tumor type (blue = MMTV-Neu tumor (n = 5), green = bitransgenic tumor (n = 3); pink = LH-overexpressing tumor (n = 2). Expression levels are displayed as red = high, yellow = intermediate, and blue = low expression.

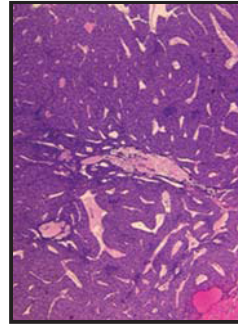
Figure III-3

A.

Bitransgenic Tumor



ErbB2/*Neu* Tumor



B.

MMTV-*Neu* Bitransgenic LH

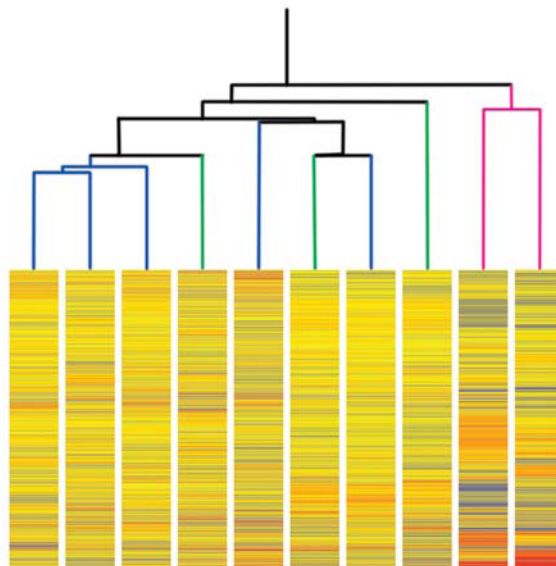
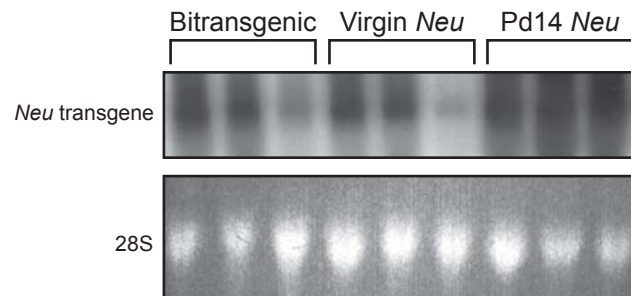


Figure III-4. Accelerated and synchronous tumorigenesis in bitransgenic mice compared to pregnant and/or virgin MMTV-*Neu* mice is not due to altered expression or mutagenesis of the MMTV-*Neu* transgene. A.

Northern blots were generated with twenty micrograms of total RNA isolated from the mammary glands of 14-week-old bitransgenic, virgin MMTV-*Neu*, and pregnancy d14 (Pd14) MMTV-*Neu* mice. A radiolabeled, double-stranded DNA probe specific for the MMTV-*Neu* transgene was hybridized with the northern blot. The 28S ribosomal RNA band served as a loading control. **B.** RT-PCR analysis was carried out on total RNA isolated from bitransgenic (n = 4) and MMTV-*Neu* single transgenic (n = 3) mammary tumors. The 237 base pair (b.p.) product (upper band) represents the wild type MMTV-*Neu* transgene, whereas smaller RT-PCR products represent deletions within the transgene (lower band).

Figure III-4

A.



B.

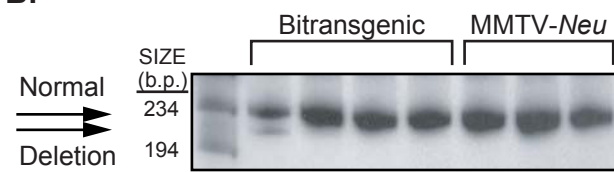


Figure III-5. The mammary glands from bitransgenic mice that were ovariectomized at 8 weeks of age have sustained hyperplasia of the mammary gland. Bitransgenic (n = 3), LH-overexpressing (n = 3), MMTV-*Neu* (n = 3), and wild-type mice (n = 3) were ovariectomized at 8 weeks of age. At 10 weeks of age, all of the mice were killed, and mammary glands were prepared for whole mount analysis. Images (63X) of comparable regions above the lymph node of each abdominal (#4/#9) mammary gland are shown.

Figure III-5

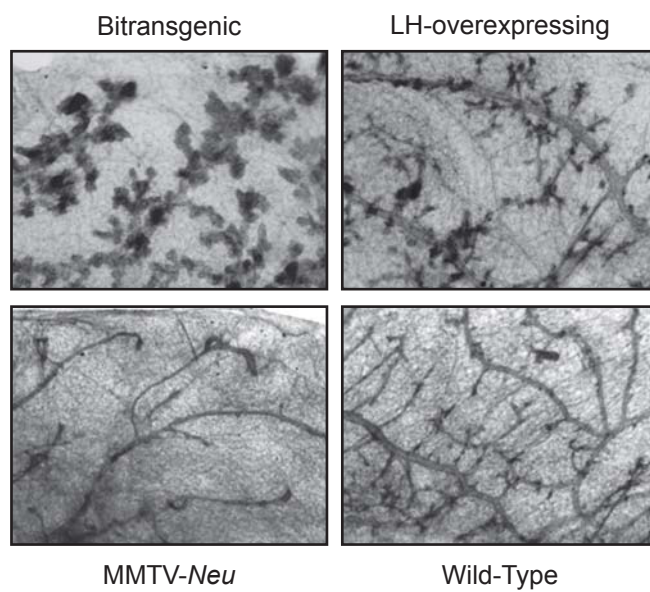


Figure III-6. The bitransgenic mammary gland becomes committed to tumorigenesis during a three-week window. Bitransgenic mice were divided into three cohorts including: 5-week ovariectomized (■, n = 9,ensored = 6 after 60 weeks), 8-week ovariectomized (●, n = 19,ensored = 0), or sham-operated controls (▲, n = 16,ensored = 0). Following either ovariectomy (OVX) or sham surgery, mice were palpated weekly to detect mammary tumor development. Statistical analysis and graphical representation of tumor development was generated by Kaplan-Meier survival analysis.ensored events, or animals that were removed from the study for reasons unrelated to tumor development, were included in the analysis. The arrows at 5 and 8 weeks indicate the age at time of surgery. The median tumor latency for the 8-week ovariectomized and sham-operated animals was 25.0 ± 21.8 and 19.5 ± 2.2 (median $\pm$ S.D.) weeks, respectively. The median tumor latency for the 5-week ovariectomized animals can not be calculated because only thirty percent of these mice developed palpable tumors by two years of age. All curves shown were significantly different from each other [(5wk vs 8wk OVX: log rank test Chi Square = 20.1, $p < 0.0001$) (5wk OVX vs sham: log rank test Chi Square = 20.2, $p < 0.0001$) (8wk OVX vs sham: log rank test Chi Square = 11.6, $p < 0.0007$)].

Figure III-6

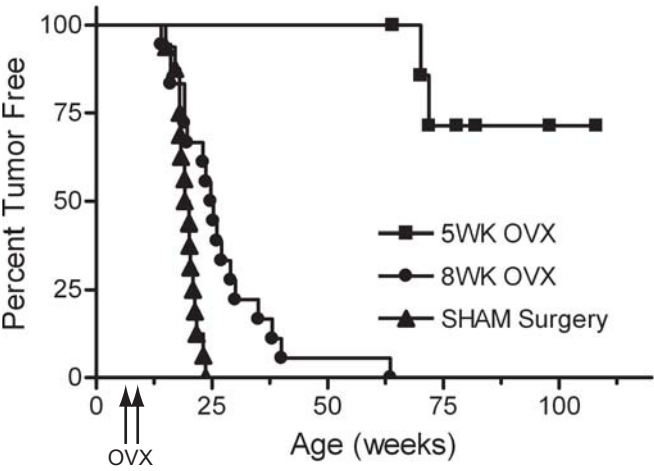


Table III-1. Identification of Genes Whose Expression Changes During the Transition from Normal to Preneoplastic Mammary Tissue and is Maintained in Tumors.

Gene Name	Gene Symbol	Genbank Accession	Probe Set		Fold Change ^a	
			MOE430v2	U74Av2	10vs5wk	TUvswT ^b
Increased in preneoplastic tissue and tumors						
RIKEN cDNA 1190006E07 gene	1190006E07Rik	AA881383	1428252_at	160112_at	1.7	2.3
RIKEN cDNA 1600029D21 gene	1600029D21Rik	BC022950	1423933_a_at	97413_at	2.5	8.6
RIKEN cDNA 1810015C04 gene	1810015C04Rik	BC019494	1424683_at	95518_at	2.4	3.5
RIKEN cDNA 2310009N05 gene	2310009N05Rik	AW061073	1426567_a_at	160801_at	2.0	3.1
RIKEN cDNA 2310009N05 gene	2310009N05Rik	AK009256	1430125_s_at	160801_at	2.2	3.1
fatty acid-Coenzyme A ligase, long chain 4	Acsl4	BQ174545	1433531_at	102381_at	3.6	19.4
absent in melanoma 1	Aim1	BM233292	1426942_at	103443_at	1.9	3.7
aldolase 3, C isoform	Aldo3	BC008184	1451461_a_at	160546_at	2.4	14.5
Rho guanine nucleotide exchange factor (GEF) 5	Arhgef5	BC025127	1452304_a_at	160977_at	2.0	2.2
ATPase, H+ transporting, lysosomal accessory protein 2	Atp6ap2	BC014706	1423662_at	160202_at	1.8	2.8
ATPase, H+ transporting, V1 subunit A, isoform 1	Atp6v1a1	NM_007508	1422508_at	95746_at	1.7	2.6
cDNA sequence BC037006	BC037006	AU017197	1420008_s_at	96518_at	2.2	4.9
claudin 3*	Cldn3	AW611462	1460569_x_at	94493_at	2.1	3.6
claudin 3*	Cldn3	BC012650	1451701_x_at	94493_at	2.2	3.6
claudin 3*	Cldn3	AW611462	1434651_a_at	94493_at	2.3	3.6
claudin 7	Cldn7	BC008104	1448393_at	99561_f_at	2.1	3.7
cytidine monophospho-N-acetylneuraminic acid synthetase	Cmas	AJ006215	1426662_at	98593_at	1.9	4.7
cytochrome b-561	Cyb561	BC006732	1417507_at	103423_at	2.5	2.4
DNA segment, Chr 3, University of California at Los Angeles 1	D3Ucla1	BF658806	1415827_a_at	95708_at	1.7	2.6
death-associated protein	Dap	BC024876	1423790_at	93842_at	1.6	2.1
differentially expressed in B16F10 1	Deb1	AK003863	1427955_a_at	95478_at	1.7	2.3
desmoglein 2	Dsg2	C79957	1449740_s_at	104480_at	2.4	6.1
phenylalkylamine Ca2+ antagonist (emopamil) binding protein	Ebp	NM_007898	1416667_at	96627_at	1.7	1.7
ets homologous factor	Ehf	BC008249	1419474_a_at	102243_at	2.3	3.9
elongation factor RNA polymerase II 2	Eli2	NM_138953	1450744_at	103892_r_at	2.6	2.3
FXD domain-containing ion transport regulator 3	Fxyd3	NM_008557	1418374_at	103059_at	1.8	3.8
UDP-N-acetyl-alpha-D-galactosamine:polypeptide N-acetylgalactosamin	Galnt3	AK019995	1417588_at	99011_at	2.6	7.2
golgi phosphoprotein 3	Golph3	AW413496	1420116_s_at	160688_at	1.6	2.3
inhibitor of DNA binding 2	Idb2	BF019883	1435176_a_at	93013_at	2.0	3.7
interferon regulatory factor 6	Irf6	NM_016851	1418301_at	92440_at	2.2	2.8
Iroquois related homeobox 3 (Drosophila)	Irx3	NM_008393	1418517_at	99034_at	1.8	2.3
kangai 1 (suppression of tumorigenicity 6, prostate)	Kai1	NM_007656	1416401_at	99584_at	2.5	3.1
potassium intermediate/small conductance calcium-activated channel, κ Kcnn4	Kcnn4	NM_008433	1421038_a_at	102198_at	2.4	10.1

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<i>Increased in preneoplastic tissue and tumors (cont.)</i>						
lipocalin 2	Lcn2	X14607	1427747_a_at	160564_at	2.0	6.9
liver-specific bHLH-Zip transcription factor	Lisch7	BC004672	1451255_at	99452_at	2.0	2.1
LPS-induced TN factor	Litaf	AV360881	1416303_at	93753_at	2.0	2.6
leucine rich repeat (in FLII) interacting protein 1	Lrrfp1	BG069059	1433842_at	92564_at	1.7	3.9
nucleobindin 2	Nucb2	NM_016773	1418355_at	102197_at	5.3	6.3
ring finger protein 149	Rnf149	T12280	1429321_at	98915_at	2.5	1.7
shroom	Shrm	NM_015756	1422629_s_at	100024_at	2.3	4.9
SRY-box containing gene 4	Sox4	AI428101	1419156_at	160109_at	1.5	3.4
serine protease inhibitor, Kunitz type 1	Spint1	NM_016907	1416627_at	97206_at	3.4	3.4
signal recognition particle 19	Srp19	W08076	1450891_at	160343_at	1.5	1.9
spermatid perinuclear RNA binding protein	Srbp	AK006314	1452061_s_at	103330_at	2.0	2.6
transcription factor AP-2, gamma	Tcfap2c	BB550860	1436392_s_at	92275_at	1.8	4.2
transcription factor AP-2, gamma	Tcfap2c	BC003778	1418147_at	92275_at	1.9	4.2
T-cell immunoglobulin and mucin domain containing 2*	Timd2	BC028829	1418766_s_at	103794_i_at	3.5	4.6
T-cell immunoglobulin and mucin domain containing 2*	Timd2	BC028829	1418765_at	97335_at	4.5	2.4
tumor protein D52	Tpd52	BC002036	1419493_a_at	160249_at	2.2	2.9
vitamin D receptor	Vdr	AV290079	1418176_at	99964_at	4.0	1.9
X-box binding protein 1*	Xbp1	C77390	1420011_s_at	94821_at	2.0	2.7
X-box binding protein 1*	Xbp1	NM_013842	1420886_a_at	94821_at	2.1	2.7
<i>Decreased in preneoplastic tissue and tumors</i>						
RIKEN cDNA 2310047C17 gene	1110004P15Rik	BE570050	1452217_at	160255_at	0.7	0.2
RIKEN cDNA 1110021N07 gene	1110021N07Rik	AV310010	1433563_s_at	93983_at	0.6	0.4
RIKEN cDNA 2610001E17 gene	2610001E17Rik	BG074158	1424186_at	160298_at	0.5	0.1
procollagen, type V, alpha 1	AI413331	AV246911	1434479_at	93472_at	0.3	0.5
aminolevulinic acid synthase 1	Alad	BC018236	1424877_a_at	101044_at	0.7	0.3
aminolevulinic acid synthase 1	Alas1	BC022110	1424126_at	93500_at	0.5	0.5
602117651F1; cDNA clone IMAGE:3468684	Angptl2	BF681826	1455090_at	103556_at	0.3	0.1
cDNA sequence BC054059	BC054059	AY092026	1424729_at	96237_at	0.5	0.2
branched chain ketoacid dehydrogenase E1, beta polypeptide	Bckdhh	AW047304	1427153_at	102302_at	0.6	0.3
BCL2/adenovirus E1B 19kDa-interacting protein 1, NIP2	Bnip2	AV144704	1422490_at	93064_at	0.6	0.5
CD34 antigen	Cd34	NM_133654	1416072_at	160358_at	0.4	0.2
procollagen, type XVIII, alpha 1	Col18a1	NM_009929	1418237_s_at	101881_g_at	0.2	0.1

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Decreased in preneoplastic tissue and tumors (cont.)						
procollagen, type I, alpha 1	Col1a1	U08020	1423669_at	94305_at	0.4	0.3
procollagen, type III, alpha 1	Col3a1	AW50625	1427884_at	102990_at	0.5	0.1
procollagen, type IV, alpha 1	Col4a1	BF158638	1452035_at	101093_at	0.7	0.5
procollagen, type VI, alpha 3	Col6a3	AF064749	1424131_at	101110_at	0.5	0.2
cysteine-rich protein 1 (intestinal)	Crip1	NM_007763	1416326_at	94061_at	0.6	0.2
chemokine (C-X-C motif) ligand 12	Cxcl12	NM_013655	1417574_at	100112_at	0.3	0.3
RIKEN cDNA 1110001114 gene	D6Ucla1e	BG074607	1434329_s_at	104605_at	0.6	0.3
2,4-dienoyl CoA reductase 1, mitochondrial	Decr1	NM_026172	1419367_at	160711_at	0.6	0.2
diacylglycerol O-acyltransferase 1	Dgat1	BC003717	1418295_s_at	104371_at	0.6	0.1
dehydrogenase/reductase (SDR family) member 7	Dhrs7	AK009385	1426440_at	95620_at	0.6	0.5
dipeptidase 1 (renal)	Dpep1	A1647687	1435943_at	103644_at	0.5	0.1
dermatopontin	Dpt	NM_019759	1418511_at	96742_at	0.5	0.1
epoxide hydrolase 2, cytoplasmic	Ephx2	NM_007940	1448499_a_at	93051_at	0.4	0.1
electron transferring flavoprotein, beta polypeptide	Etfb	B1692487	1428181_at	96947_at	0.6	0.2
fasciculation and elongation protein zeta 2 (zyglin II)	Fez2	BM206792	1434348_at	101934_at	0.6	0.5
fat specific gene 27	Fsp27	BB221402	1452260_at	102016_at	0.4	0.0
folistatin-like 1	Fstl1	B1452727	1448259_at	94833_at	0.3	0.4
602109129F1 NCL CGAP_Kid14 cDNA clone IMAGE:4237519	Fzd4	BF783030	1419301_at	95771_i_at	0.5	0.1
growth arrest specific 6	Gas6	NM_019521	1417399_at	99067_at	0.4	0.3
growth hormone receptor	Ghr	BC024375	1451501_a_at	99108_s_at	0.5	0.1
BB039269 RIKEN cDNA clone 6030441J06*	Gja1	BB039269	1437992_x_at	100064_f_at	0.4	0.2
BB142324 RIKENcDNA clone 9930014N10*	Gja1	BB142324	1438945_x_at	100064_f_at	0.4	0.2
gap junction membrane channel protein alpha 1*	Gja1	M63801	1415800_at	100064_f_at	0.4	0.2
gap junction membrane channel protein alpha 1*	Gja1	AV330726	1438650_x_at	100064_f_at	0.4	0.2
guanine nucleotide binding protein, alpha inhibiting 1	Gnai1	BQ174580	1454959_s_at	104412_at	0.6	0.0
glycerol-3-phosphate acyltransferase, mitochondrial	Gnam	NM_008149	1419499_at	101867_at	0.6	0.2
hexose-6-phosphate dehydrogenase (glucose 1-dehydrogenase)	H6pd	BC027358	1452145_at	104148_at	0.4	0.5
hephaestin	Heph	NM_010417	1448696_at	104194_at	0.2	0.2
heat shock 27kDa protein 8	Hspb8	AF250139	1417013_at	160139_at	0.4	0.3
isocitrate dehydrogenase 1 (NADP+), soluble*	Ildh1	NM_010497	1422433_s_at	160571_at	0.4	0.4
isocitrate dehydrogenase 1 (NADP+), soluble*	Ildh1	A1788952	1419821_s_at	160571_at	0.5	0.4
insulin-like growth factor binding protein 6	Igfbp6	NM_008344	1417933_at	103904_at	0.3	0.0
Kruppel-like factor 4 (gut)	Klf4	BG069413	1417394_at	99622_at	0.5	0.2
laminin B1 subunit 1*	Lamb1-1	BG970109	1424113_at	101948_at	0.5	0.2

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Decreased in preneoplastic tissue and tumors (cont.)						
laminin B1 subunit 1*	Lamb1-1	BG970109	1424114_s_at	101948_at	0.5	0.2
lumican	Lum	AK014312	1423607_at	93353_at	0.5	0.1
mannosidase 1, alpha	Man1a	BB070019	1417111_at	160579_at	0.7	0.1
manic fringe homolog (Drosophila)	Mfng	NM_008595	1416992_at	100508_at	0.5	0.3
3-ketoacyl-CoA thiolase B	MGC29978	BC019882	1424451_at	99571_at	0.5	0.3
mannose receptor, C type 1	Mrc1	NM_008625	1450430_at	103226_at	0.5	0.2
microtubule-associated protein 4	Mtap4	BB000894	1416091_at	92795_at	0.5	0.5
nuclear receptor subfamily 1, group H, member 3	Nr1h3	NM_013839	1450444_a_at	104381_at	0.6	0.1
neuropilin*	Nrp	AK011144	1418084_at	95016_at	0.4	0.2
neuropilin*	Nrp	AK011144	1448943_at	92773_at	0.6	0.3
BB220000 RIKEN cDNA clone A530058E15	Pde8a	BB220000	1418406_at	160941_at	0.6	0.2
preproenkephalin 1	Penk1	M13227	1427038_at	94516_f_at	0.2	0.2
phosphoglucosyltransferase 2	Pgm2	BC008527	1451149_at	104313_at	0.5	0.3
phytanoyl-CoA hydroxylase	Phyh	NM_010726	1460194_at	96608_at	0.4	0.4
placenta-specific 8	Plac8	AF263458	1451335_at	98092_at	0.3	0.3
protein phosphatase 2, regulatory subunit B (B56), alpha isoform	Ppp2r5a	BC023062	1423911_at	93826_at	0.6	0.2
protein kinase C, delta binding protein	Prkcdbp	BC009660	1423771_at	97496_f_at	0.4	0.2
protease, serine, 11 (lgf binding)	Prss11	NM_019564	1416749_at	96920_at	0.4	0.1
quaking	Qk	NM_021881	1417073_a_at	160726_at	0.5	0.2
RAB34, member of RAS oncogene family*	Rab34	AF327929	1416590_a_at	160317_at	0.5	0.3
RAB34, member of RAS oncogene family*	Rab34	AF327929	1416591_at	160317_at	0.7	0.3
S100 calcium binding protein A6 (calcyclin)	S100a6	NM_011313	1421375_a_at	92770_at	0.4	0.3
sialyltransferase 10 (alpha-2,3-sialyltransferase VI)	Siat10	NM_018784	1449078_at	102208_at	0.4	0.2
sorbin and SH3 domain containing 1	Sorbs1	AF078667	1425826_a_at	160320_at	0.5	0.1
sulfide quinone reductase-like (yeast)	Sqr1	AF174535	1420641_a_at	94515_at	0.5	0.4
sushi-repeat-containing protein	Srpx	AB028050	1451939_a_at	103568_at	0.2	0.1
RIKEN clone:0610030E04	Sult1a1	AK002700	1427345_a_at	103087_at	0.5	0.0
transforming growth factor, beta induced	Tgfb1	NM_009369	1448123_s_at	92877_at	0.6	0.3
thrombomodulin	Thbd	NM_009378	1448529_at	104601_at	0.4	0.3
tetranectin (plasminogen binding protein)	Tna	NM_011606	1449466_at	92224_at	0.5	0.1
uridine monophosphate kinase	Umpk	BC025146	1424399_at	94381_at	0.5	0.5
Von Willebrand factor homolog	Vwf	BB667216	1435386_at	103499_at	0.3	0.0
zinc finger homeobox 1a	Zfx1a	NM_011546	1418926_at	99052_at	0.5	0.3

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^b TU = MMTV-*Neu* tumors WT = wild-type control. TUvsWT was previously published and is shown here for comparison (Landis et al., 2005)

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Table III-2. Identification of Genes Whose Expression Changes During the Transition from Normal to Preneoplastic Mammary Tissue.

Gene Name	Gene Symbol	Genbank Accession	Probe Set		Fold Change ^a
			MOE430v2	U74Av2	
Increased in committed mammary tissue					
PQ loop repeat containing 1*	Pqlc1	AW061073	1426567_a_at	160801_at	2.0
inhibitor of DNA binding 2	Idb2	BF019883	1435176_a_at	93013_at	2.0
lipocalin 2	Lcn2	X14607	1427747_a_at	160564_at	2.0
PQ loop repeat containing 1*	Pqlc1	AK009256	1430125_s_at	160801_at	2.2
tumor protein D52	Tpd52	BC002036	1419493_a_at	160249_at	2.2
potassium intermediate/small conductance calcium-activated channel	Kcnn4	NM_008433	1421038_a_at	102198_at	2.4
desmoglein 2	Dsg2	C79957	1449740_s_at	104480_at	2.4
kangai 1 (suppression of tumorigenicity 6, prostate)	Kail1	NM_007656	1416401_at	99584_at	2.5
RIKEN cDNA 1600029D21 gene	1600029D21Rik	BC022950	1423933_a_at	97413_at	2.5
fatty acid-Coenzyme A ligase, long chain 4	Acsl4	BQ174545	1433531_at	102381_at	3.6
Decreased in committed mammary tissue					
aminolevulinatase, delta-, dehydratase	Alad	BC018236	1424877_a_at	101044_at	0.7
RAB34, member of RAS oncogene family*	Rab34	AF327929	1416591_at	160317_at	0.7
electron transferring flavoprotein, beta polypeptide	Etfb	BI692487	1428181_at	96947_at	0.6
guanine nucleotide binding protein, alpha inhibiting 1	Gnai1	BQ174580	1454959_s_at	104412_at	0.6
2,4-dienoyl CoA reductase 1, mitochondrial	Dcr1	NM_026172	1419367_at	160711_at	0.6
dehydrogenase/reductase (SDR family) member 7	Dhrs7	AK009385	1426440_at	95620_at	0.6
glycerol-3-phosphate acyltransferase, mitochondrial	Gpam	NM_008149	1419499_at	101867_at	0.6
nuclear receptor subfamily 1, group H, member 3	Nr1h3	NM_013839	1450444_a_at	104381_at	0.6
adiponectin receptor 2	Adipor2	BG074607	1434329_s_at	104605_at	0.6
branched chain ketoacid dehydrogenase E1, beta polypeptide	Bckdhlb	AW047304	1427153_at	102302_at	0.6
protein phosphatase 2, regulatory subunit B (B56), alpha isoform	Ppp2r5a	BC023062	1423911_at	93826_at	0.6
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RAB34, member of RAS oncogene family*	Rab34	AF327929	1416590_a_at	160317_at	0.5
procollagen, type VI, alpha 3	Col6a3	AF064749	1424131_at	101110_at	0.5
3-ketoacyl-CoA thiolase B	MGC29978	BC019882	1424451_at	99571_at	0.5
growth hormone receptor	Ghr	BC024375	1451501_a_at	99108_s_at	0.5
phosphoglucosyltransferase 2	Pgm2	BC008527	1451149_at	104313_at	0.5
uridine monophosphate kinase	Umpk	BC025146	1424399_at	94381_at	0.5
protease, serine, 11 (Igf binding)	Prss11	NM_019564	1416749_at	96920_at	0.4
fat specific gene 27	Fsp27	B8221402	1452260_at	102016_at	0.4
sialyltransferase 10 (alpha-2,3-sialyltransferase VI)	Siat10	NM_018784	1449078_at	102208_at	0.4
chemokine (C-X-C motif) ligand 12	Cxcl12	NM_013655	1417574_at	100112_at	0.3
insulin-like growth factor binding protein 6	Igfbp6	NM_008344	1417933_at	103904_at	0.3
preproenkephalin 1	Penk1	M13227	1427038_at	94516_f_at	0.2

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CHAPTER IV

SUMMARY AND FUTURE DIRECTIONS

SUMMARY

The goal of this thesis was to elucidate mechanisms of ErbB2/Neu oncogenesis. In **Chapter II**, I described the derivation of an ErbB2/Neu tumor molecular signature. Identification of subset of these genes by microarray analyses of preneoplastic ErbB2/Neu-overexpressing tissue from two independent mouse models strongly supports a role for these genes in early events of ErbB2/Neu-induced tumorigenesis (**Chapters II and III**). Future examination of these candidate genes should divulge information regarding ErbB2/Neu acquisition of oncogenic capabilities.

Further analysis of the genes contained in the ErbB2/Neu tumor signature revealed intrinsic suppression of the TGF- β signaling pathway (**Chapter II**) and subsequent confirmation of T β RI downregulation suggests that ErbB2/Neu suppresses TGF- β activity to overcome its growth inhibitory abilities during tumor development. Also, active Smad signaling colocalized with expression of Activin receptor, implicating Activin signaling in ErbB2/Neu tumorigenesis. Additional investigation regarding the role of Activin and TGF- β activity in ErbB2/Neu tumorigenesis and the mechanisms for cross-talk between each of these pathways and ErbB2/Neu signaling should be interesting areas to pursue further.

The discovery that hormonal environment may maintain a population of cells that are targeted for ErbB2/Neu-initiated tumorigenesis (**Chapter III**) has intriguing implications for hormonal modulation of ErbB2/Neu-induced tumorigenesis. In whole, this work has lead to development of numerous hypotheses that can be the subject for future investigation of ErbB2/Neu oncogenic mechanisms. In this chapter (**Chapter IV**), I will outline several experimental approaches to explore these prospective oncogenic mechanisms.

FUTURE DIRECTIONS

Derivation of the ErbB2/Neu tumor molecular signature and subsequent verification of a subset of these genes by real-time RT-PCR was described in **Chapter II**. Since a subset of these genes was also changed in preneoplastic tissue from two different transgenic mouse models of ErbB2/Neu-initiated tumorigenesis, we postulate that those genes are involved in early events of ErbB2/Neu-initiated tumorigenesis. Microarray analysis is a hypotheses generating tool. As such, in this chapter, I have outlined several hypotheses that were generated from our microarray analyses and described different experimental approaches to examine these.

One of our goals in performing extensive microarray analysis was to identify transcriptional targets of ErbB2/Neu that contribute to ErbB2/Neu-induced tumorigenesis. While we identified genes that change expression level in ErbB2/Neu tumors and in ErbB2/Neu-overexpressing preneoplastic mammary tissue, further experimentation is required to determine whether these genes are

indeed targets of ErbB2/Neu and whether they contribute to ErbB2/Neu tumor progression.

Hypothesis: Gene X is a target of ErbB2/Neu signaling

Which genes from the ErbB2/Neu tumor molecular signature and the preneoplastic gene list are targets of ErbB2/Neu signaling? Since a large number of genes (n=324) are contained in the ErbB2/Neu tumor molecular signature (**Chapter II**), it will be necessary to utilize high throughput approaches to determine which of these genes are indeed ErbB2/Neu transcriptional targets. To this end, microarray analysis of mammary epithelial cell lines following treatment with EGF-like ligands should be performed. This can be accomplished by activating ErbB2/Neu signaling with the EGF-like growth factor ligands NRG and EGF in normal mouse mammary epithelial cells. NRG and EGF were chosen because they will activate ErbB3 and EGFR signaling, respectively (Klapper et al., 1999). To determine whether signaling occurs through ErbB2/Neu, for each experimental group, a control group should be included in which the cells are pretreated with an ErbB2/Neu-targeted antibody. RNA should be collected at early timepoints to identify primary transcriptional targets. Each of these samples should then be used to generate labeled cRNA probes for hybridization with Affymetrix 430v2 GeneChips, and comparative analysis should be performed to identify the genes that change expression with activation of ErbB signaling pathways. Removal of the genes that do not change expression with ErbB2/Neu-targeted antibody preincubation should eliminate genes that are targets of ErbB3 or EGFR but not ErbB2/Neu signaling. The genes that are

identified by these analyses should then be compared to the ErbB2/Neu tumor molecular signature genes as well as the preneoplastic gene list to determine which of those genes are ErbB2/Neu targets.

Is the protein product of Gene X altered by ErbB2/Neu signaling? To determine whether the encoded protein product for *Gene X* changes expression, whole cell lysate should be collected at multiple time points as described above for the microarray analysis. Sequential western blot analysis should be carried out with commercially available antibodies against the proteins of interest.

Hypothesis: Gene X contributes to ErbB2/Neu-induced mammary tumorigenesis.

Which genes will be interesting candidates to pursue further? After identifying numerous genes by microarray analysis, we researched each gene individually to identify “interesting” genes. Interesting candidate genes for contribution to ErbB2/Neu tumor progression are transcription factors and genes involved in cellular processes that become deregulated during tumorigenesis such as cell cycle, cell growth, differentiation, genomic stability, apoptosis, cell adhesion, and cell migration. We are particularly interested in transcription factors because altering expression of a single transcription factor will change the entire transcriptome of the cell and have far reaching affects. In considering the biological relevance of candidate genes, several approaches can be utilized.

Is candidate Gene X expression altered in human breast cancer? Does expression of the protein encoded by Gene X correlate with ErbB2/Neu

expression in human breast cancer specimens? To determine whether expression of candidate genes correlates with *ErbB2/Neu* expression in human breast specimens, *in situ* hybridization with labeled probes specific for candidate genes and *ErbB2/Neu* mRNA should be performed on human breast tissue arrays containing tumor specimens and normal adjacent tissue. To examine protein expression, immunohistochemistry with commercially available antibodies should be carried out on human breast tissue arrays containing tumor tissue and adjacent normal tissue. Expression of *Gene X* should be correlated with *ErbB2/Neu* expression and activation.

Does alteration of candidate Gene X expression affect ErbB2/Neu oncogenic capabilities in vitro and in vivo? To determine whether the genes identified by our microarray analysis do indeed contribute to *ErbB2/Neu*-initiated tumorigenesis several strategies could be employed. First, in normal epithelial cell lines that overexpress *ErbB2/Neu* such as MCF10A/HER2 cells (Ueda et al., 2004; Wang et al., 2005), the expression of *Gene X* should be manipulated by knock-down strategies such as pharmacological inhibitors or siRNA or overexpression approachess. The method of manipulation will be dependent on whether the gene was increased or decreased in the microarray data. If it was increased in the microarray data, it should be blocked. Alternatively, if it was decreased in microarray data, it should be induced. Then several *in vitro* transformation assays should be utilized including: 1) colony formation assays, 2) growth on soft agar, and 3) growth in nude mice. If *Gene X* contributes to *ErbB2/Neu* tumor progression, one would expect to see decreased tumorigenicity

by manipulating *Gene X* expression. Ultimately, bitransgenic mouse models should be generated to assess the contribution of *Gene X* to ErbB2/Neu-initiated tumorigenesis *in vivo*. Depending on the direction of expression change in the microarray data, the MMTV-*Neu* mice should be bred with an overexpressing or knock-down mouse model for *Gene X*. If *Gene X* contributes to ErbB2/Neu tumor progression, primary mammary tumor latency or incidence and/or pulmonary metastasis would be altered. In our laboratory, these types of studies have already been initiated for three candidate transcription factor genes: LMO4, Id2, and GKLF.

Hypothesis: ErbB2/Neu suppresses TGF- β activity to prevent its growth inhibitory effects during tumor development.

Is the TGF- β signaling pathway indeed inactive in ErbB2/Neu-induced tumors?

Investigation of the genes contained in the ErbB2/Neu tumor signature revealed that the expression of gene targets of the TGF- β signaling pathway was decreased in ErbB2/Neu tumors, suggesting the TGF- β signaling pathway is suppressed during ErbB2/Neu tumor development (**Chapter II**). Subsequent western blot and immunohistochemical analyses for components of the TGF- β pathway confirmed that T β RI is suppressed in ErbB2/Neu tumors (**Chapter II**). To determine whether the TGF- β pathway is intact and capable of signaling in ErbB2/Neu tumors, we have attempted two different experimental approaches. The goal of the first approach was to inject TGF- β ligand directly into ErbB2/Neu tumors in MMTV-*Neu* mice and then perform immunohistochemistry for phosphorylated Smad2 on sections of these tumors. We found that it was much

too difficult to carefully mark the injection site and then locate it in 5 micron sections from paraffin-embedded blocks of tumors (data not shown). Alternatively, we performed “quadrant” tumor studies in which we grossly quartered tumors and treated each quadrant with either TGF- β ligand or vehicle in cell culture media. We were unable to consistently detect phosphorylated Smad2 by immunohistochemistry even in our control samples (data not shown). Based on the technical issues that arose with these approaches, I propose a third approach involving culture of primary tumor cells followed by *in vitro* treatment with TGF- β ligand in cell culture media. Immunocytochemistry for phosphorylated Smad2 should be used as a measure of active TGF- β signaling. We would expect tumor cells to be nonresponsive to TGF- β treatment due to downregulation of T β RI. Of course, one caveat is that culturing conditions may change the intrinsic properties of these tumor cells.

What is the cellular outcome of TGF- β suppression? Based on the growth inhibitory role of TGF- β , we postulate that ErbB2/Neu gains oncogenic capabilities by suppressing TGF- β signaling and thus preventing the growth inhibitory activities of TGF- β in tumor cells. To test this hypothesis, we could replace T β RI in primary tumor cell cultures by viral-infection with constructs encoding T β RI, treat with TGF- β , and measure cell growth. We would expect replacement of T β RI to allow cells to respond appropriately to TGF- β by growth inhibition. Alternatively, other components of the TGF- β pathway may be altered in tumor cells, so replacement of T β RI alone may not be sufficient to restore TGF- β activity. This possibility will be discussed further, below.

What components of the TGF- β pathway does ErbB2/Neu signaling regulate?

We suspect that the ErbB2/Neu pathway suppresses TGF- β signaling through multiple routes. Recently, another group reported that ErbB2/Neu can collaborate with ER81 to upregulate the expression of the inhibitory Smad7 in breast cancer cells (Dowdy et al., 2003). To determine the mechanism(s) for suppression of the TGF- β signaling pathway, we can first examine expression of ErbB2/Neu and components of the TGF- β signaling pathway including TGF- β 1, TGF- β 2, TGF- β 2, T β RI, T β RII, Smad2, Smad3, Smad4, inhibitory Smads 6 and 7, and ErbB2/Neu in MMTV-Neu tumor cell primary cultures. We can also assess activation by immunocytochemistry for phosphorylation of ErbB2/Neu, Smad2, and Smad3. If additional components of the TGF- β signaling pathway are altered in expression, each of these proteins could be added back, individually and in combinations, by viral-infection to determine whether they can restore TGF- β responsiveness. Once expression levels and activation status are determined, we could treat with various ErbB receptor-specific inhibitors to determine which ErbB pathways regulate expression and/or activation of the TGF- β signaling pathway.

Alternatively, since the TGF- β pathway can be regulated on multiple levels (Derynck et al., 2001; Massague, 1998; Massague, 2000; Reiss, 1999; Siegel and Massague, 2003), it is possible that ErbB2/Neu signaling does not actually alter expression levels of TGF- β pathway components, but regulates TGF- β signaling by other mechanisms. For example, TGF- β ligands are produced in latent forms that must be processed before binding TGF- β receptors. It is

possible that ErbB2/Neu alters processing of the TGF- β ligands and thus alters TGF- β signaling. Or perhaps ErbB2/Neu alters stability of components of the TGF- β signaling pathway. Thus, alternative mechanisms for cross-talk between these signaling pathways should be addressed in future experiments.

Hypothesis: Activin signaling is active in ErbB2/Neu tumors

We found that ActRIB and phosphorylated Smad2 are both present in the periphery of ErbB2/Neu tumors, suggesting that Activin signaling is active in this region of these tumors (**Chapter II**). To determine whether the Activin signaling pathway is indeed intact in ErbB2/Neu tumors, we could examine expression of components of the Activin signaling pathway in primary cultures of MMTV-*Neu* tumor cells. We could also treat with the Activin inhibitor, Follistatin (Phillips and de Kretser, 1998), and determine whether phosphorylation of Smad2 is attenuated, indicating that the phosphorylated Smad2 in these tumors is caused by Activin signaling.

Hypothesis: Activin signaling alters ErbB2/Neu tumor progression.

Recent cancer cell line data suggests a growth suppressive role for Activin (Cocolakis et al., 2001; Kalkhoven et al., 1995; Liu et al., 1996), but biological data are currently lacking. To determine whether Activin alters ErbB2/Neu tumor progression, we could initially determine how co-stimulation of ErbB2/Neu and Activin signaling affects *in vitro* tumorigenicity and migration assays in normal mammary epithelial cells. Ultimately, we could generate bitransgenic mice by breeding MMTV-*Follistatin* overexpressing mice with MMTV-*Neu* mice and

measuring primary tumor latency and pulmonary metastasis. If Activin suppresses ErbB2/Neu-induced tumorigenesis, we would expect Activin inhibition by Follistatin in these bitransgenic mice to accelerate tumorigenesis or enhance metastasis. It is possible that Activin has dual roles like TGF- β during mammary gland tumorigenesis, both suppressing primary tumor growth and promoting metastasis. If so, manipulation of Activin and its signaling pathways might be advantageous in our efforts to treat or prevent breast cancer, especially ErbB2/Neu positive tumors.

Hypothesis: Hormonal environment maintains ErbB2/Neu target cell population.

Recent studies have shown that pregnancy can accelerate development of ErbB2/Neu tumors, inducing a susceptible cell population in MMTV-*Neu* mammary glands (Henry et al., 2004). Multiparous MMTV-*Neu* mice develop mammary tumors in a stochastic manner with long latency (Anisimov et al., 2003; Guy et al., 1992; Henry et al., 2004). The stochastic nature of tumor development in these mice indicates that additional “hits” are required to produce tumors. We generated a bitransgenic mouse model of ErbB2/Neu-induced tumorigenesis by breeding the MMTV-*Neu* mice with a model of ovarian hyperstimulation, LH-overexpressing mice (**Chapter III**). These mice developed mammary tumors in a more accelerated and synchronous manner than MMTV-*Neu* mice alone, suggesting that the hormonal milieu in these bitransgenic mice provides the additional “hits” required to develop overt tumors. We postulate that the pregnancy-inducible susceptible cell population described

by Wagner and colleagues (Henry et al., 2004) is maintained by trophic hormonal support in our bitransgenic mouse model. Since the mammary glands of LH-overexpressing mice are highly similar to mid-pregnancy glands (Milliken et al., 2002), it is likely that a similar susceptible cell population is induced and maintained in the hormonal environment of these mice. Elevated expression of whey acidic protein, the marker of this ErbB2/Neu-targeted cell population, occurs in the mammary glands of LH-overexpressing mice (Milliken et al., 2002), further corroborating this supposition.

To test this hypothesis, we should generate triple transgenic mice by breeding the LH-overexpressing mice with the reporter mice utilized to originally identify the MMTV-*Neu* susceptible cell population (Henry et al., 2004). Henry et al. generated bitransgenic mice by breeding Whey Acidic Protein (WAP)-*Cre* mice with *Rosa-LacZ* reporter mice. The system uses Cre-lox technology in which Cre recombinase excises the DNA between two lox sites. WAP expression is induced when mammary alveolar cells differentiate during the second half of pregnancy (Wagner et al., 1997). Thus, when alveolar cells differentiate, induction of the WAP promoter causes transient expression of Cre recombinase which will, in turn, excise the floxed stop sequence between the *Rosa* promoter and the β -galactosidase encoding gene (*LacZ*), thus permanently labeling differentiated cells (Soriano, 1999; Wagner et al., 1997). We could generate triple transgenic mice (WAP-*Cre*/*Rosa-lacZ*/*LH*) by breeding WAP-*Cre*/*Rosa-LacZ* bitransgenics with LH-overexpressing mice. Then, we could stain both whole mammary glands and histological sections with X-gal to identify

differentiated cells (Wagner et al., 1997). We would expect to see a large population of cells that are positively stained by X-gal indicating they have undergone differentiation in the LH-overexpressing hormonal environment. One essential property of this susceptible cell population is retention during involution of the mammary gland (Henry et al., 2004). Thus, it will be critical to determine whether these cells are retained in mammary glands upon removal of ovarian hormones by ovariectomy. Furthermore, mammary tumors should also be stained with X-gal to determine whether the susceptible cell population does indeed become an overt tumor. Collectively, these may uncover a significant mechanism for hormonal modulation of ErbB2/Neu-induced tumorigenesis. Identification of a population of cells that is particularly susceptible to transformation by ErbB2/Neu could be a huge milestone for discovery of cancer drug targets. This cell population could be isolated and analyzed so that we could identify pathways that are uniquely altered in the susceptible cell population compared to normal cells, and thus therapeutically target this susceptible cell population, achieving the ultimate goal of drug design selectively targeting cancer cells while preserving normal cells.

In summary, this thesis has uncovered novel findings regarding mechanisms of ErbB2/Neu oncogenesis and, in so doing, generated several testable hypotheses that should provide additional insight into potential oncogenic mechanisms of ErbB2/Neu-initiated mammary tumorigenesis.

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