#### Biobehavioral Influences on Cancer Biology AN EMERGING OPPORTUNITY

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#### **Biobehavioral Influences on Cancer Biology: An Emerging Opportunity**

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#### **Symposium Purpose**

- Facilitate knowledge of this emerging area in the NCI behavioral research portfolio
- Obtain BSA input on how NCI can best:
  - -Expand the breadth and depth of this transdisciplinary science
  - -Catalyze productive high impact collaborations

#### **Presentation Purpose**

- Define biobehavioral risk factors
- Review epidemiology
- Review biobehavioral signaling pathways
- Review biobehavioral influences on cancer biology

#### **Biobehavioral Risk Factors**

#### **Distinction from other behavioral sciences**

• Focus on neuroendocrine mediation

# Distinction from systemic and environmental stress

- Physical activity
- Environmental tobacco smoke
- Alcohol
- Diet/nutrition

#### **Biobehavioral risk factors**

- Social isolation / social support
- Depression
- Chronic psychological stress

#### Epidemiology of Biobehavioral Influences on Cancer

### Inconsistent association with cancer incidence

- Nielsen & Gronbaek, 2006
- Dujits et al, 2003

## More consistent association with cancer progression and mortality

- Antoni et al, 2006
- Kroenke et al, 2006
- Soler-Vila et al, 2003

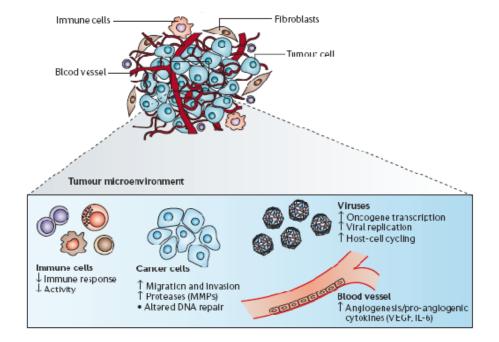
#### **Stress as a Biobehavioral Influence**

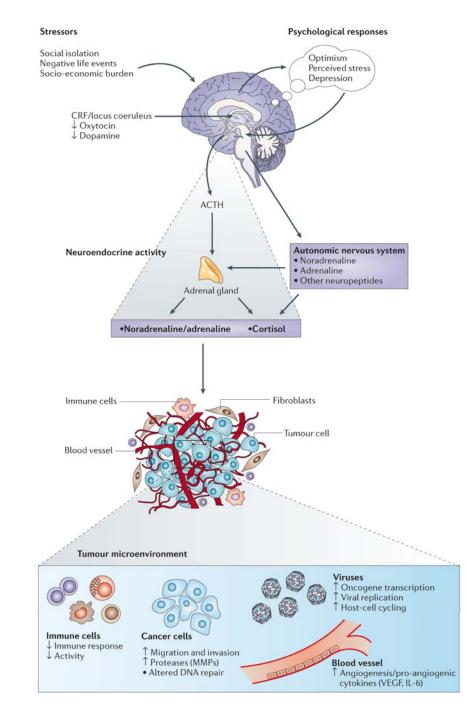
- Perception that a threatening or challenging external event ("stressor") exceeds the organism's ability to respond
- Challenge biological homeostasis
- Neuroendocrine and sympathoadrenal stress response systems

# **Biobehavioral Signaling Pathways**



# Pathways Signaling Biobehavioral





Pathways Signaling Biobehavioral

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# The influence of bio-behavioural factors on tumour biology: pathways and mechanisms

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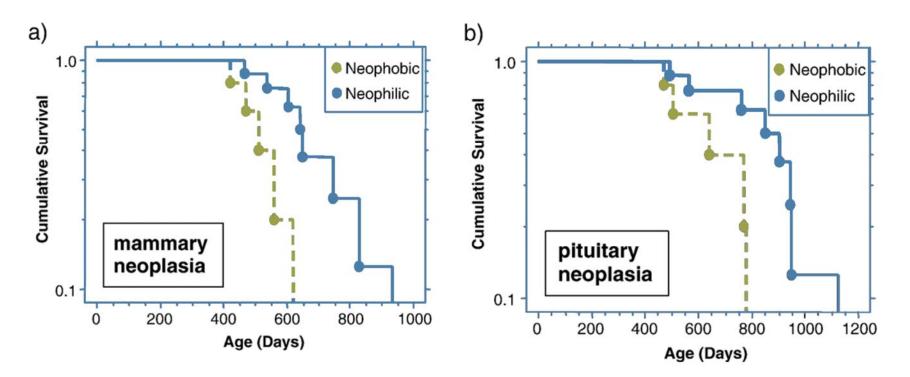


#### **Biobehavioral Influences on Tumor Biology**

- Neoplastic cell growth
- Tumor gene expression
- Viral gene expression
- Cell-mediated immunity
- Invasion
- Tumor growth and progression

#### **Neoplastic cell growth**

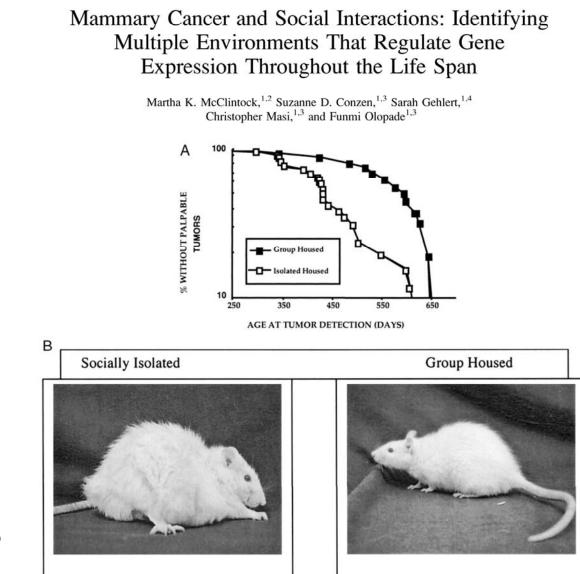
*Hormones and Behavior* 50 (2006) 454-462 **Infant temperament predicts life span in female rats that develop spontaneous tumors** Sonia A. Cavigelli<sup>a,\*</sup>, Jason R. Yee<sup>b,c</sup>, Martha K. McClintock<sup>b,c,d</sup>



In vivo

#### **Tumor Gene Expression**

Journals of Gerontology: SERIES B



In vivo

#### Neuroendocrine activation of human tumor viruses

Human tumour virus	Malignancy	Sensitivity*
Human papilloma viruses 16 and 33	Cervical and head/neck cancer	HPA
Hepatitis B virus	Hepatocellular carcinoma	HPA
Hepatitis C virus	Hepatocellular carcinoma	HPA
Epstein–Barr virus	Lymphoma, and nasopharygeal carcinoma	HPA
Human T-cell lymphotropic viruses 1 and 2	Adult T-cell leukaemia/lymphoma	ANS
Kaposi sarcoma-associated herpesvirus	Kaposi sarcoma, and primary effusion lymphoma	ANS

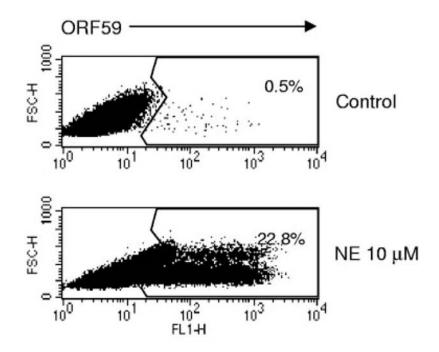
#### **Neuroendocrine activation of KSHV**

JOURNAL OF VIROLOGY, Nov. 2005, p. 13538-13547

β-Adrenoreceptors Reactivate Kaposi's Sarcoma-Associated Herpesvirus Lytic Replication via PKA-Dependent Control of Viral RTA

Margaret Chang,<sup>1</sup> Helen J. Brown,<sup>2</sup> Alicia Collado-Hidalgo,<sup>3,6</sup> Jesusa M. Arevalo,<sup>3</sup> Zoran Galic,<sup>3</sup> Tonia L. Symensma,<sup>2,4</sup> Lena Tanaka,<sup>4</sup> Hongyu Deng,<sup>2</sup> Jerome Λ. Zack,<sup>1,3,5</sup> Ren Sun,<sup>2,5</sup> and Steve W. Cole<sup>3,5,6</sup>\*

#### **Viral replication**



In vitro

#### **UV-induced skin cancer in stressed mice**

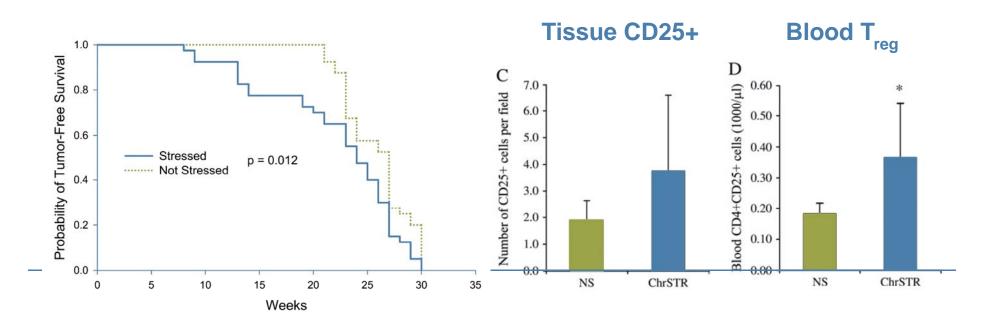
#### J AM ACAD DERMATOL DECEMBER 2004

#### Chronic stress accelerates ultraviolet-induced cutaneous carcinogenesis

Jason Parker, MS,<sup>a</sup> Sabra L. Klein, PhD,<sup>b</sup> Martha K. McClintock, PhD,<sup>c</sup> Warwick L. Morison, MD,<sup>a</sup> Xaobu Ye, MD, PhD,<sup>c</sup> Claudio J. Conti, DVM, PhD,<sup>f</sup> Norman Peterson, PhD,<sup>d</sup> Carlos H. Nousari, MD,<sup>g</sup> and Francisco A. Tausk, MD<sup>a</sup> Journal of the National Cancer Institute, Vol. 97, No. 23, December 7, 2005

#### Chronic Stress and Susceptibility to Skin Cancer

Alison N. Saul, Tatiana M. Oberyszyn, Christine Daugherty, Donna Kusewitt, Susie Jones, Scott Jewell, William B. Malarkey, Amy Lehman, Stanley Lemeshow, Firdaus S. Dhabhar



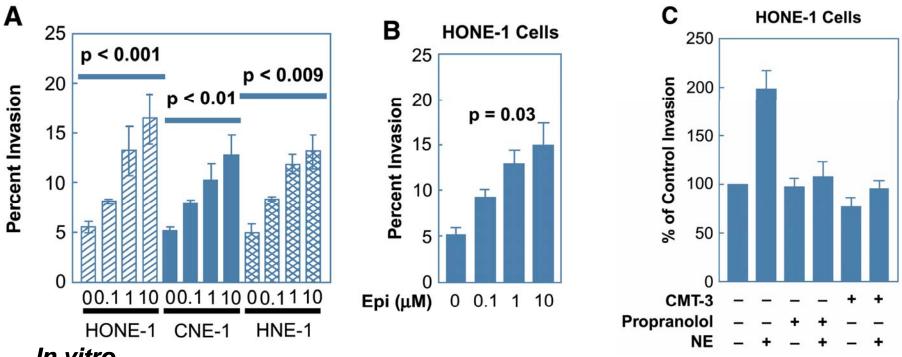
In vivo

#### Nasopharyngeal carcinoma cell invasion

Cancer Res 2006; 66: (21). November 1, 2006

Norepinephrine Up-regulates the Expression of Vascular Endothelial Growth Factor, Matrix Metalloproteinase (MMP)-2, and MMP-9 in Nasopharyngeal Carcinoma Tumor Cells

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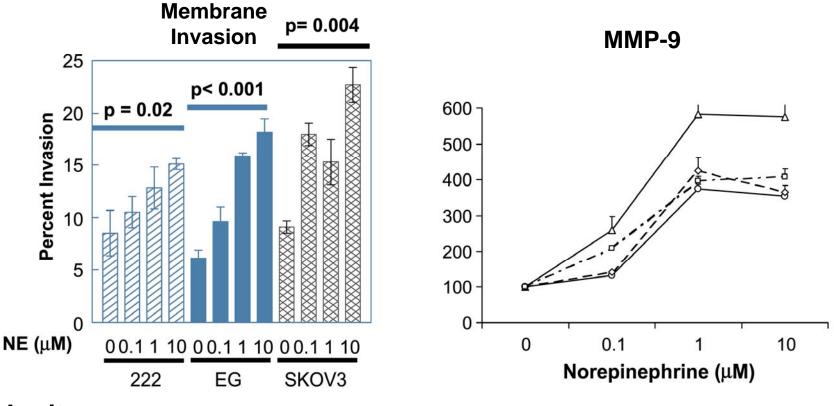
In vitro

#### Human ovarian cancer cell invasion

Clin Cancer Res 2006;12(2) January 15, 2006

#### Stress Hormone – Mediated Invasion of Ovarian Cancer Cells

Anil K. Sood,<sup>1,2</sup> Robert Bhatty,<sup>3</sup> Aparna A. Kamat,<sup>1</sup> Charles N. Landen,<sup>1</sup> Liz Han,<sup>1</sup> Premal H. Thaker,<sup>1</sup> Yang Li,<sup>1</sup> David M. Gershenson,<sup>1</sup> Susan Lutgendorf,<sup>4</sup> and Steven W. Cole<sup>5</sup>



In vitro

#### Cytokine levels in human ovarian cancer

CANCER July 15, 2005 / Volume 104 / Number 2

#### Psychosocial Factors and Interleukin-6 among Women with Advanced Ovarian Cancer

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CANCER August 15, 2002 / Volume 95 / Number 4

#### Vascular Endothelial Growth Factor and Social Support in Patients with Ovarian Carcinoma

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Plasma IL-6

#### **Ascites IL-6**

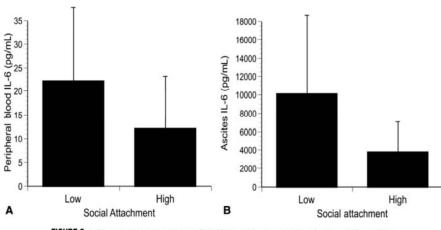
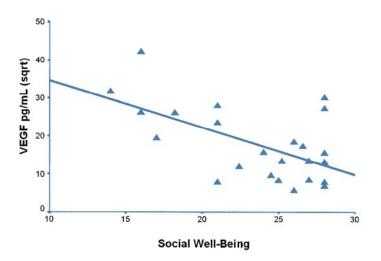


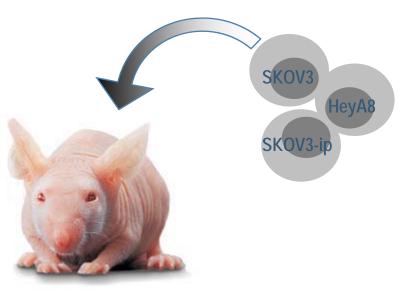
FIGURE 2. IL-6 levels in (A) peripheral blood and (B) ascites in women above and below the mean on social attachment.

**Serum VEGF** 



In vivo

#### Human ovarian tumor cells in stressed mice





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#### Chronic stress promotes tumor growth and angiogenesis in a mouse model of ovarian carcinoma

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#### In vivo

#### **Overarching Themes\***

Stress biology can influence tumor biology
 - 1.5 - 3-fold effects observed

#### • Mechanisms are being elucidated

- Neuroendocrine regulation of:
  - Neoplastic cell growth
  - Tumor gene expression
  - Viral gene expression
  - Cell-mediated immunity
  - Invasion
  - Tumor growth and progression

#### Opportunity to test adjuvant interventions

\* See also: Biobehavioral Influences on Cancer Biology: An Emerging Opportunity (2007)

#### Agenda

- 15 minute presentation
- Five minute question and answer
- Discussion

#### Effects of Chronic Stress on Cancer Growth and Progression

#### Anil K. Sood, MD, Professor Professor Departments of Gynecologic Oncology and Cancer Biology Director, Ovarian Cancer Research



#### Social Environment and Tumor Biology: The Role of Glucocorticoid-mediated Tumor Cell Survival

#### Suzanne D. Conzen, MD

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#### Gene-Social Environment Interactions in Cancer A Bioinformatic Approach

#### Steven W. Cole, PhD

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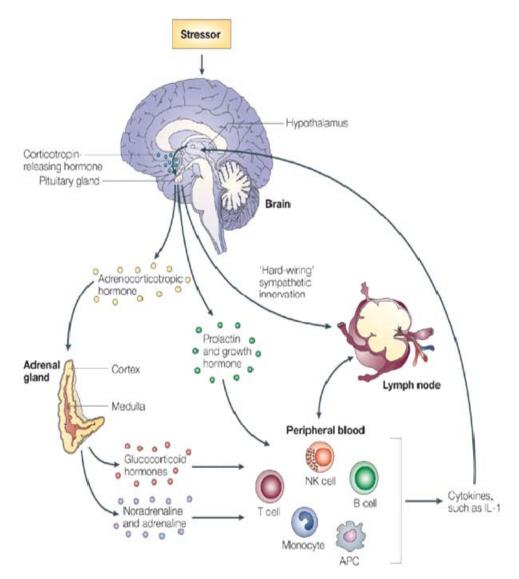
> THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS MDANDERSON CANCER CENTER

#### **OVERVIEW**

Response to stress

Mechanisms of effects on tumor microenvironment

#### **The Stress Response**



Glaser and Kiecolt-Glaser, Nat Rev Immunol, 2005

#### **Effects of Chronic Stress**

#### Immune System:

decrease cell mediated immunity (i.e., natural killer cells, lymphocytes) decrease humoral response (i.e., antibodies)

Glaser and Kiecolt-Glaser, Nat Rev Immunol, 2005

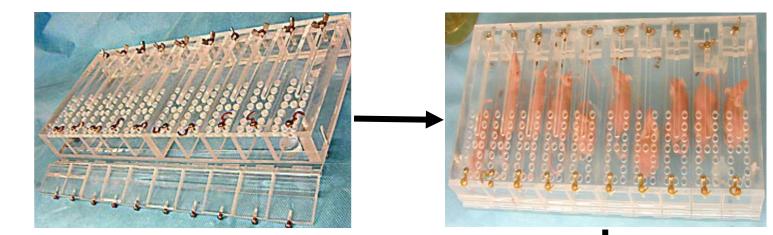
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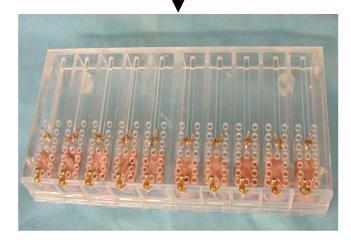
- > modulate apoptosis
- increase matrix metalloproteinases
- increase in VEGF

Lutgendorf, Sood et al., *Cancer*, 2002 Lutgendorf, Sood et al., *Clin Cancer Res*, 2003 Antoni...Sood, *Nat Rev Cancer*, 2006

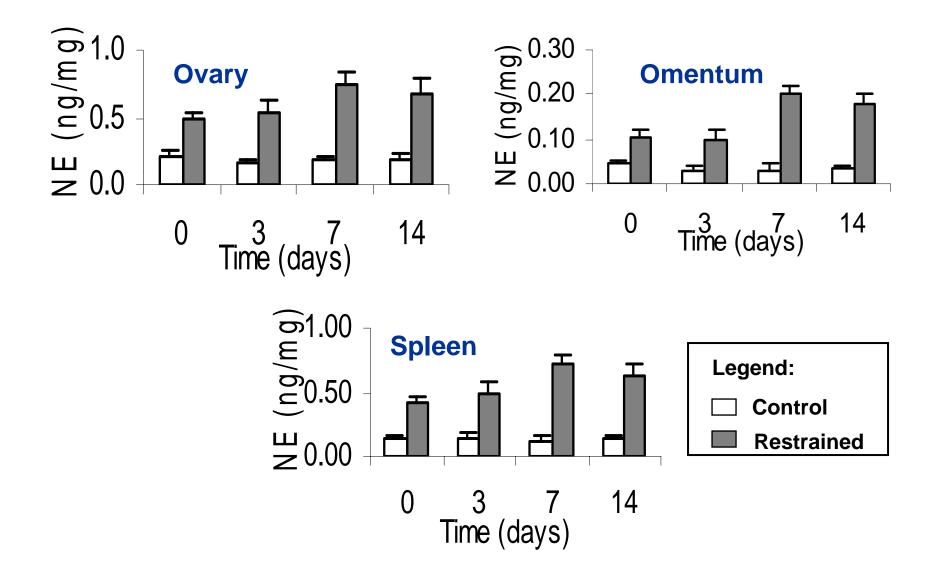
#### In Vivo Effects of Chronic Stress

#### **Development of a Model**

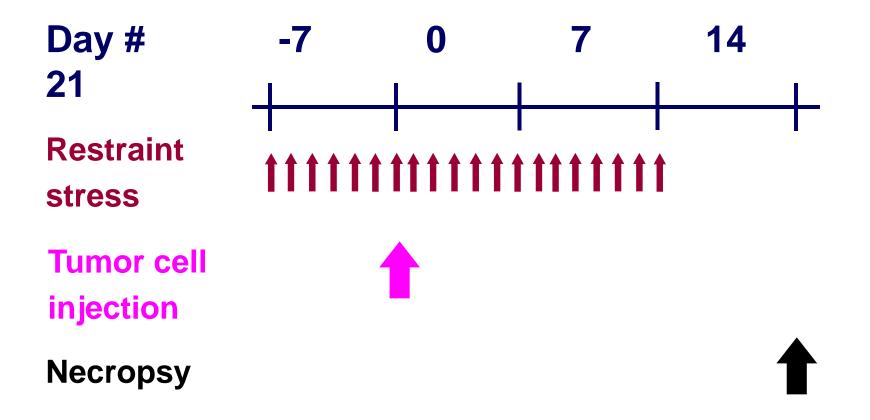




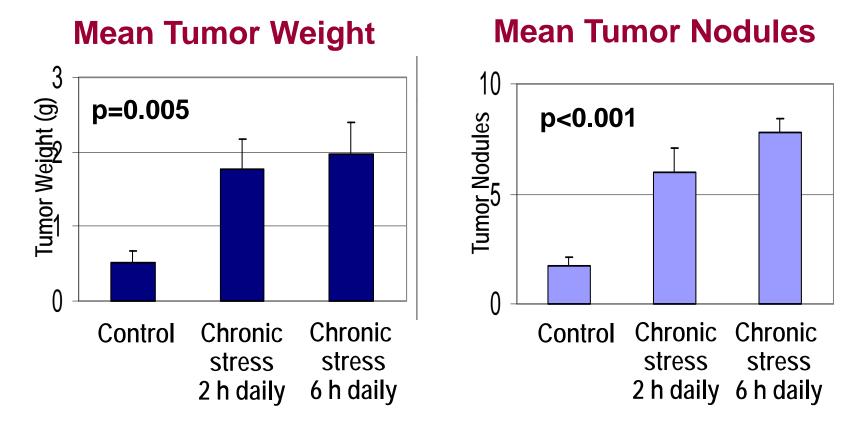
#### **Norepinephrine Levels**



### **Schema of Chronic Stress Model**



# Effect of chronic stress on orthotopic HeyA8 ovarian cancer



Thaker...Sood, Nature Med, 2006

## **Effect of chronic stress on orthotopic ovarian cancer**

- Controls had disease confined to the peritoneal cavity
- 50% of stressed animals had parenchymal liver, splenic, or pleural metastasis

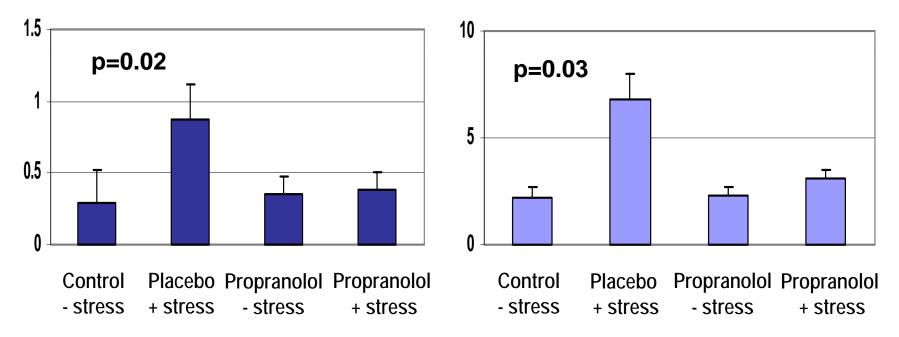


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### Effect of chronic stress $\pm \beta$ -blockade on orthotopic HeyA8 ovarian cancer

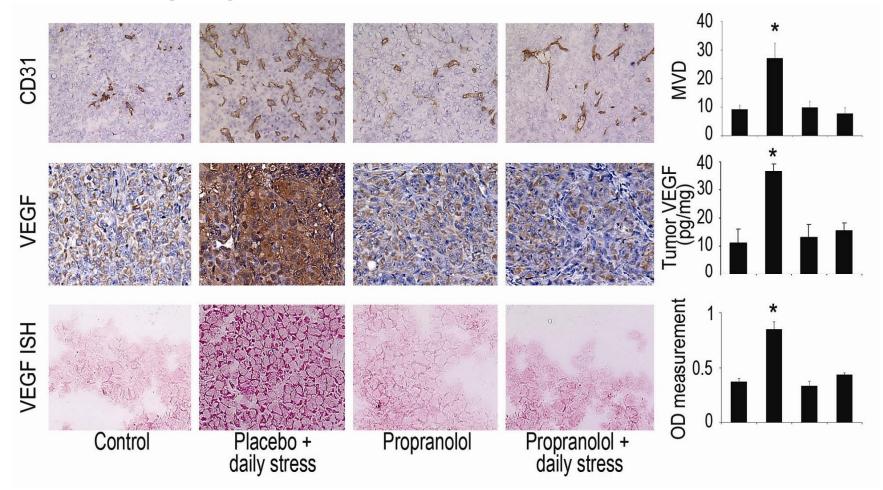
#### **Mean Tumor Weight**

**Mean Tumor Nodules** 



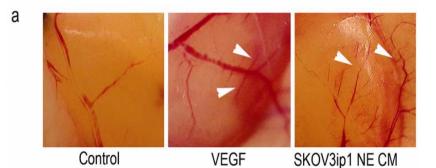
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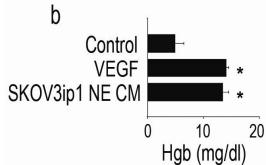
# Effect of chronic stress $\pm \beta$ -blockade on angiogenesis in ovarian carcinoma

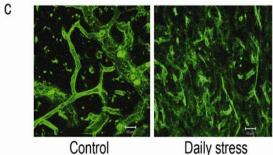


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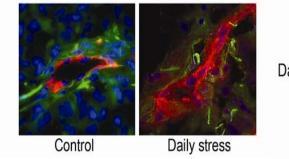
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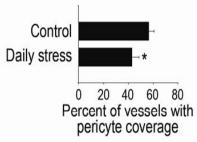






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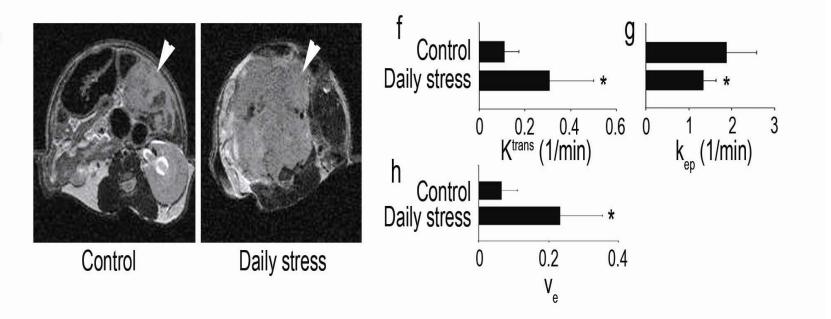




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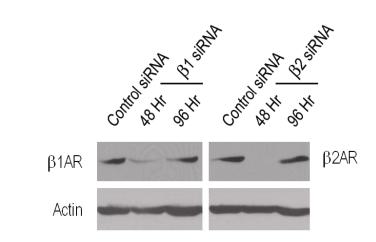
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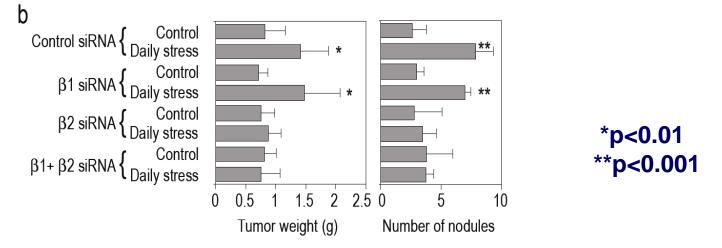


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#### **Effect of β-receptor silencing**

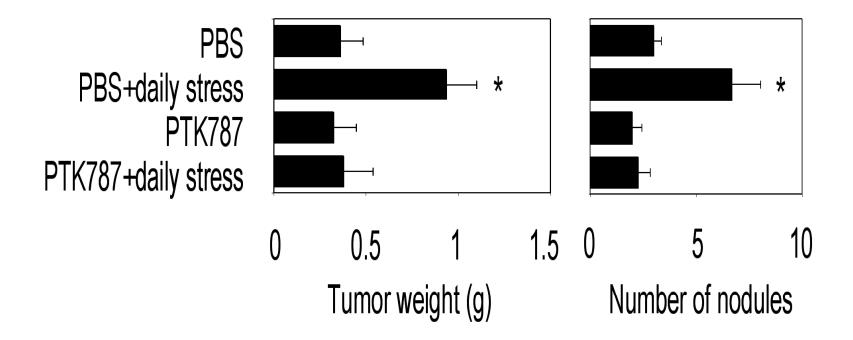


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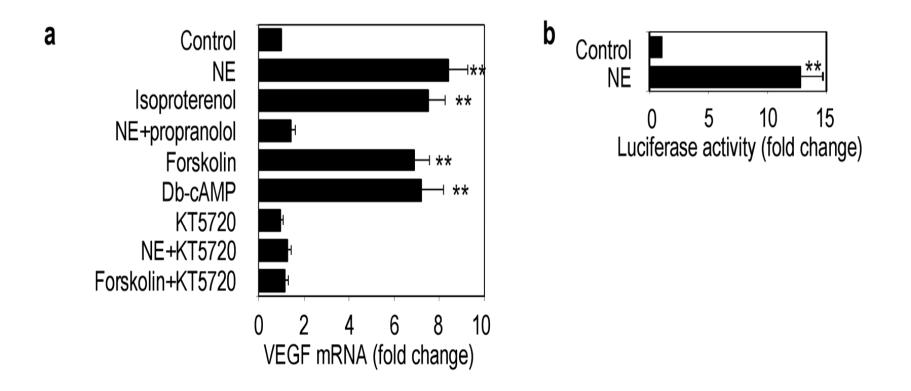


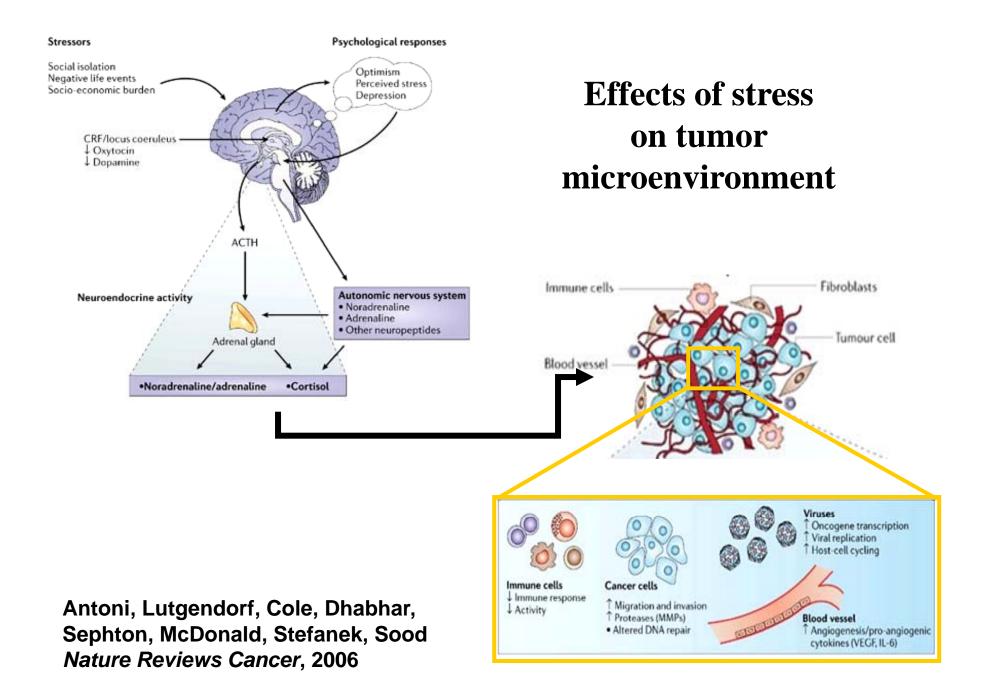
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#### **Effect of VEGF-R inhibition**



#### **Mechanisms of VEGF Activation**





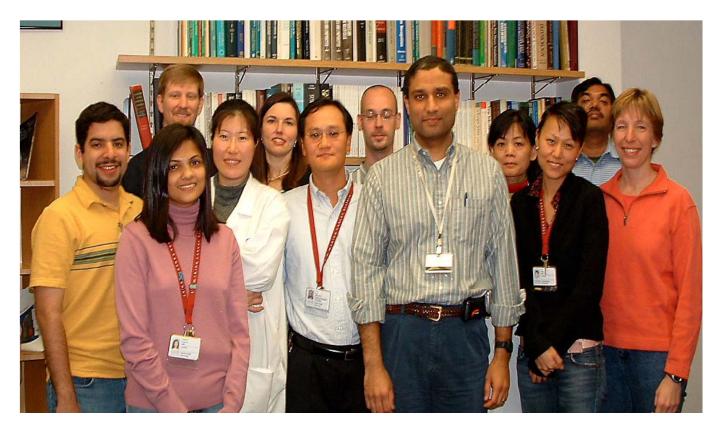
## Conclusions

Chronic stress not only accelerates ovarian cancer growth, but also causes a more invasive pattern of spread in this model.

These effects are mediated by betareceptors that establish a favorable microenvironment for tumor growth.

## **Future Directions**

- Examine the microenvironment in human tumors in the context of behavioral factors
- Mechanisms (immune and non-immune) by which biobehavioral factors affect tumor growth
- Develop intervention strategies behavioral and/or pharmacological



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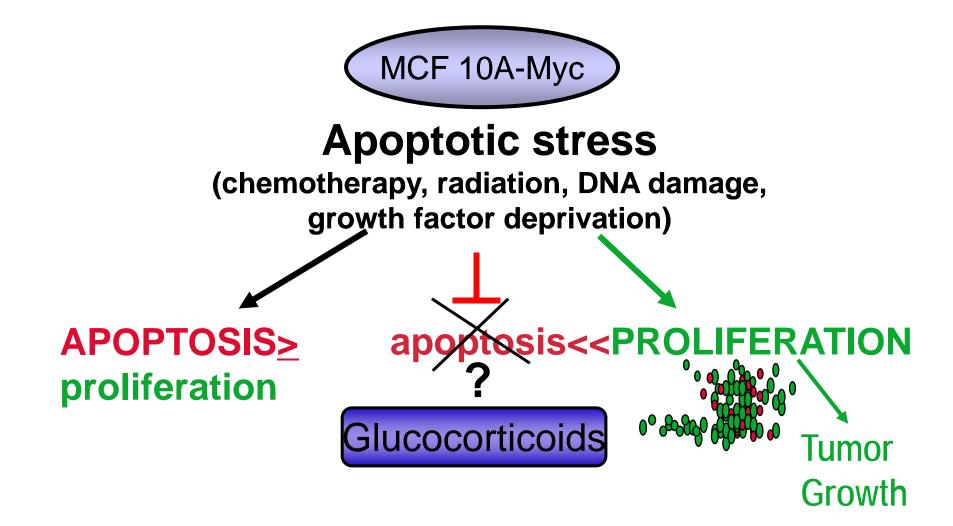
## Social environment and tumor biology: The role of glucocorticoid-mediated tumor cell survival

#### Suzanne Conzen, MD

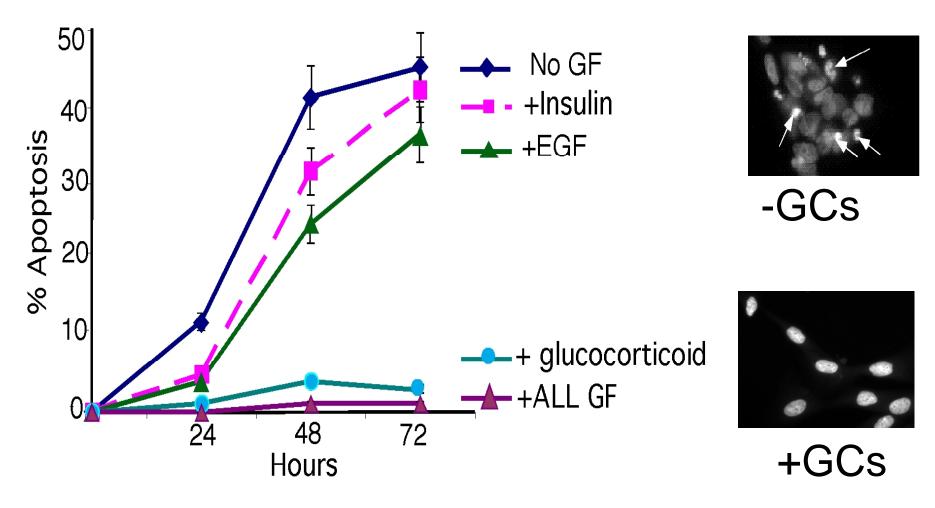
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#### Identification of novel anti-apoptotic signals



Glucocorticoids (GCs) provide a potent anti-apoptotic signal to MCF10A-Myc cells



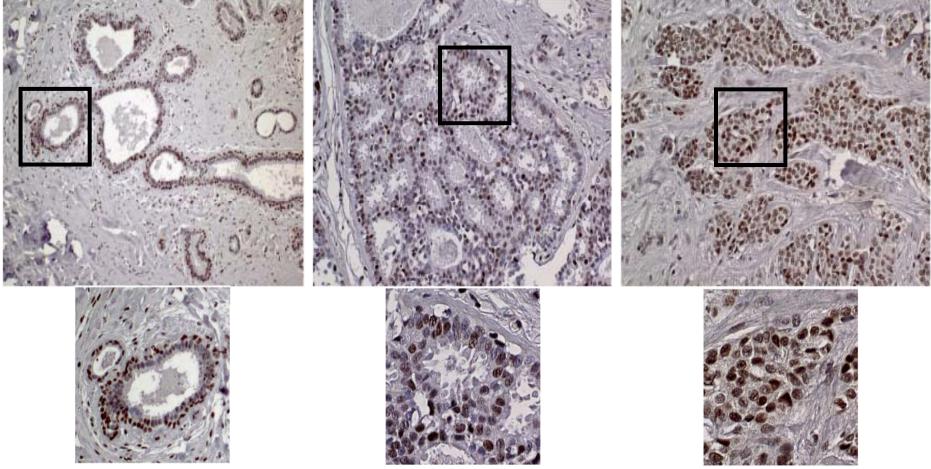
Moran et al, *Cancer Res* 64, 2000

## Primary human breast epithelium and cancers express glucocorticoid receptors

**Normal** 

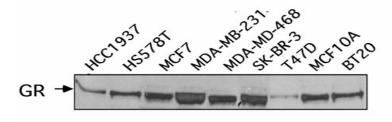
DCIS

Invasive



Williams, Delgado and Conzen, In prep.

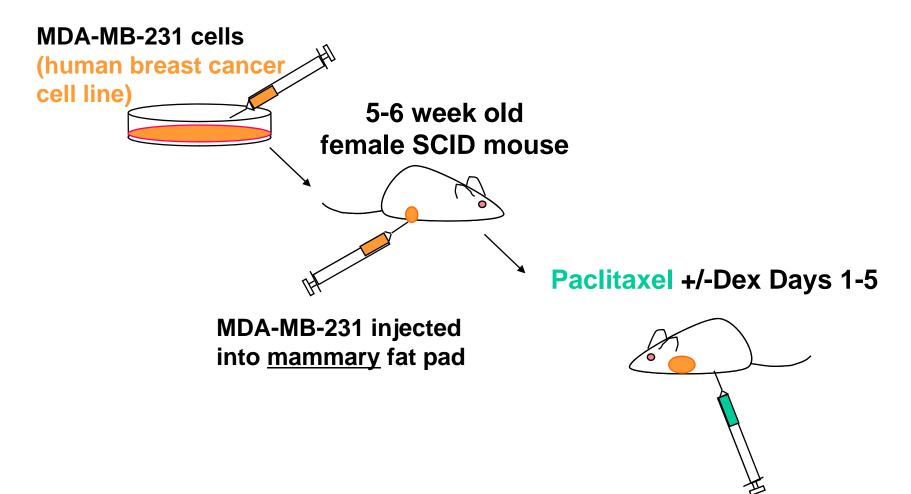
### GCs inhibit chemotherapy-induced apoptosis



MCF-7 Western analysis MDA-MB-231 100 100paclitaxel doxorubicin 90 90-Dex-+doxorubicin Dex(1hr)-paclitaxel Apoptotic cells (%) 80 80 Apoptotic cells (%) 70 70 60 60 \*\* \*\* 50 50 \*\* \*\* 40 40 30 30 20 20 10 10 0+  $0^{+}_{0}$ 24 30 24 30 8 Hours of paclitaxel treatment Hours of doxorubicin treatment

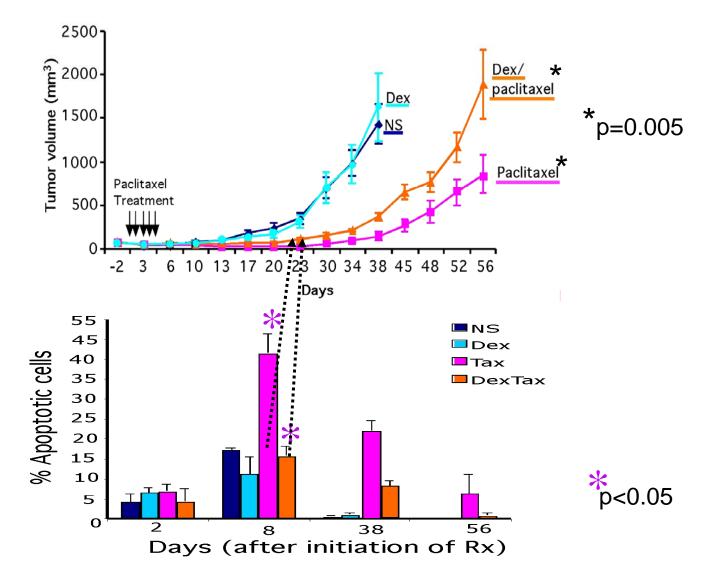
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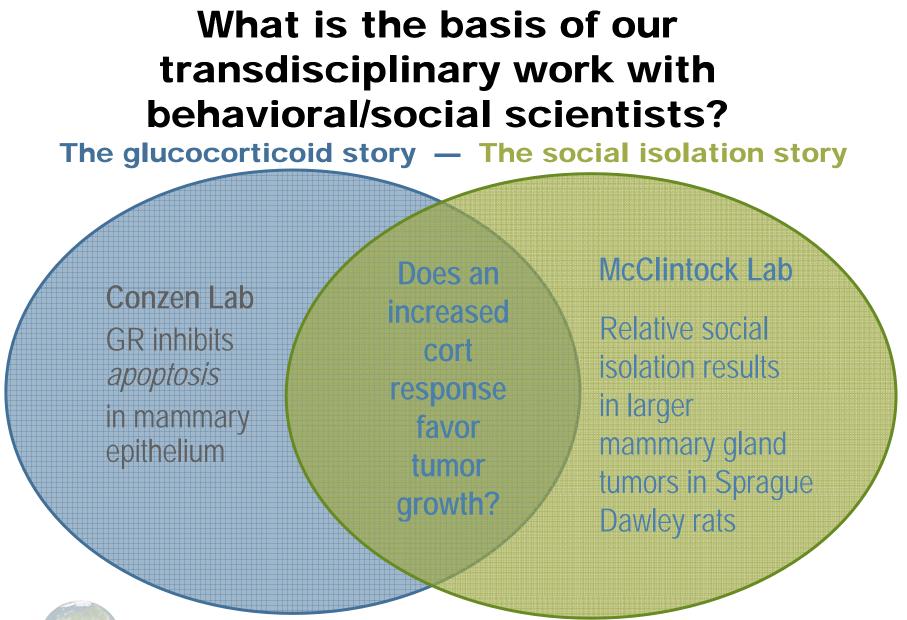
# Does GR activation inhibit tumor response to chemotherapy *in vivo*???



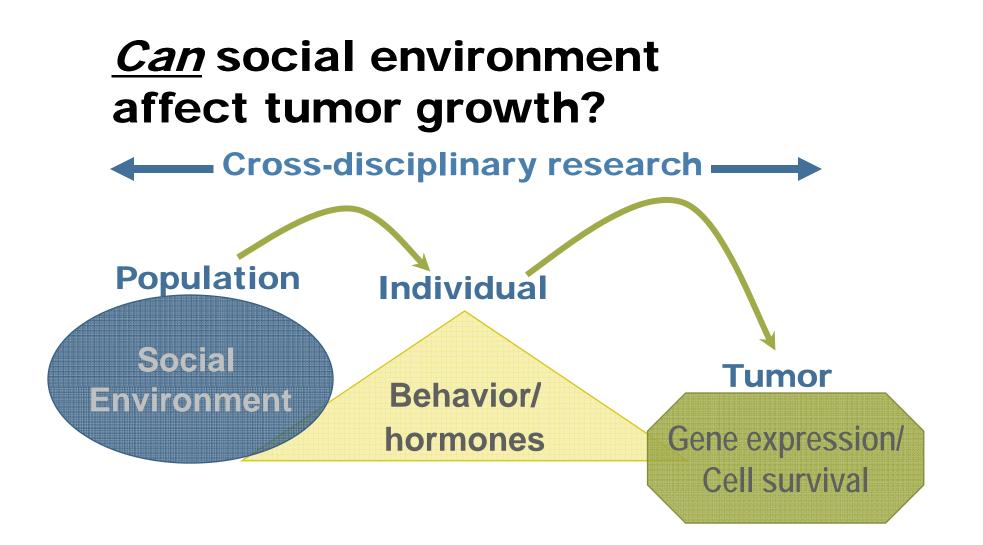
Pang et al., Can Bio and Therapy, 2006

# MB-MDA-231 xenografts: Glucocorticoids decrease paclitaxel-induced apoptosis









McClintock MK, Conzen SD et al., J Gerontol B Psychol Sci Soc Sci., 2005

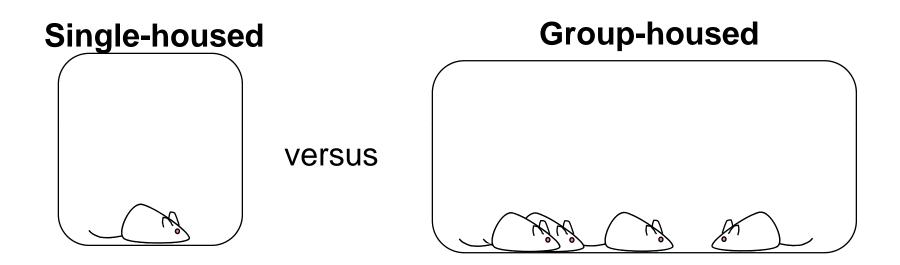
# What model can be used to test this framework?

#### C3(1) SV40 Tag transgenic mice\*

- Well-defined genetic predisposition for mammary gland cancer
- C3(1) promoter targets Tag to MG but is not activated by the GR
- Blocking apoptosis increases the growth of Tag MG tumors (e.g., Tag x BAX -/-)
- However, behavioral studies in SV40 Tag mice have not been performed.



### A Model of Social Isolation – SV40 Tag Mice

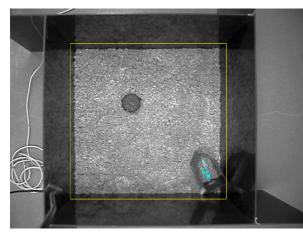


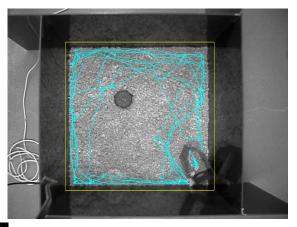
#### Hypothesis:

Chronic social isolation will result in

- an acquired vigilant behavioral phenotype
- increased corticosterone response to acute stressors
- increased mammary tumor growth (? inhibit apoptosis)

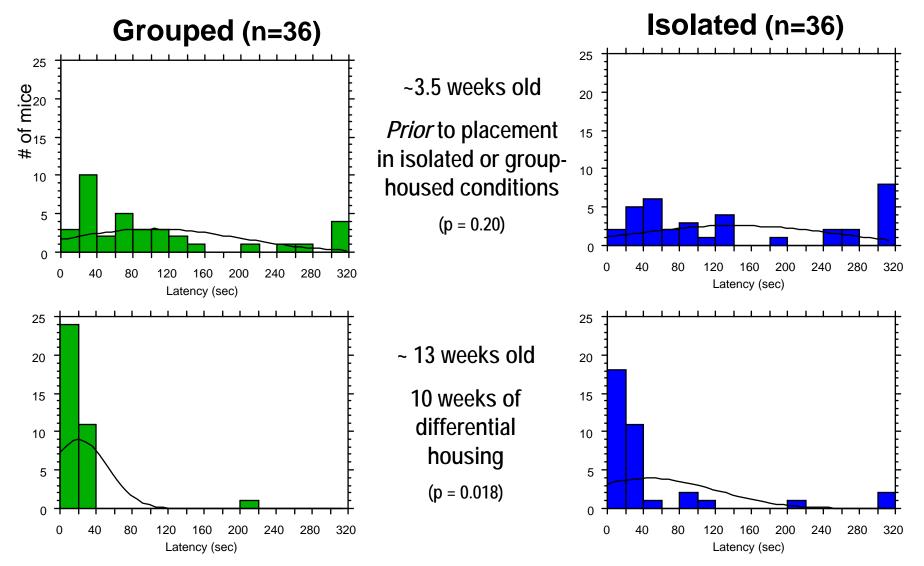
#### Behavior: "Vigilance" in a potentially threatening environment can be measured



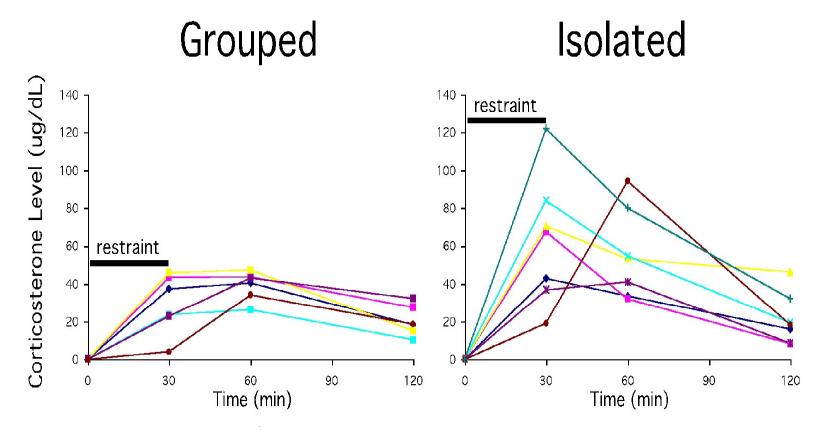




# Behavior: Effect of social isolation on vigilance in SV40 Tag mice

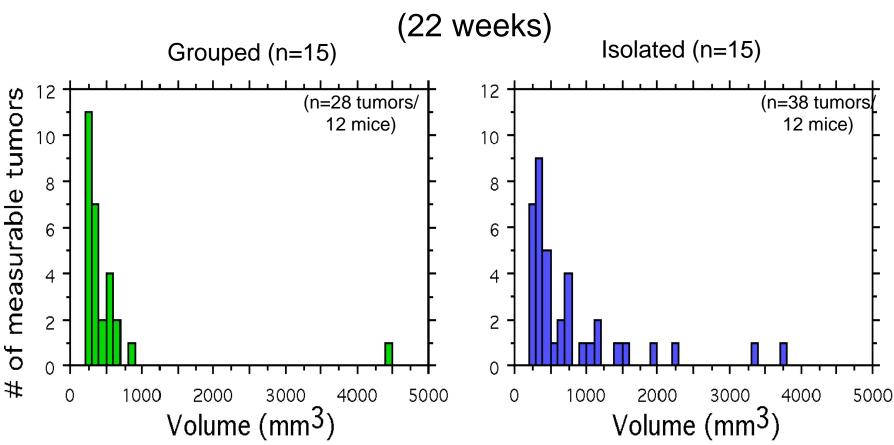


#### Endocrine response: Effect of social isolation on corticosterone levels following a mild stressor

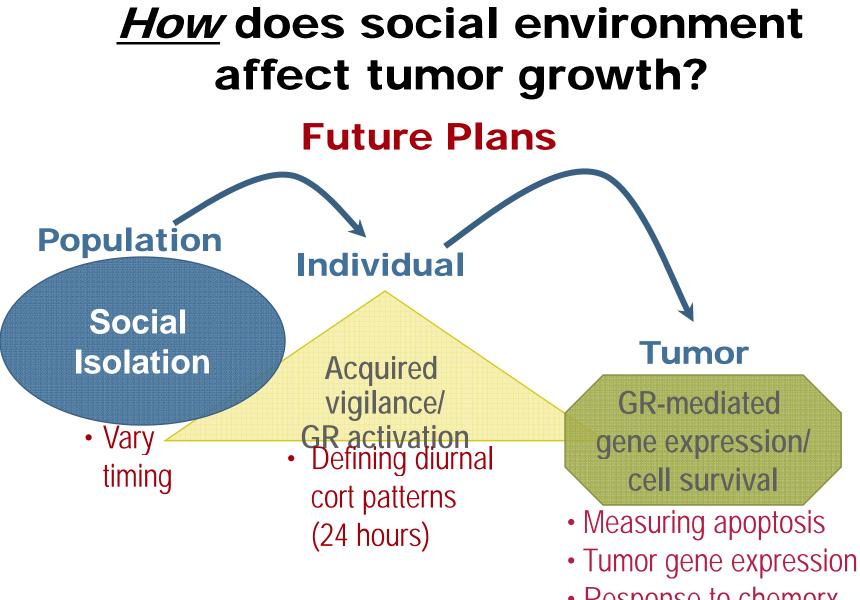


Slope of the rise: p=.022 Absolute increase: p=.032





mixed effects ANOVA p = .024



Response to chemorx

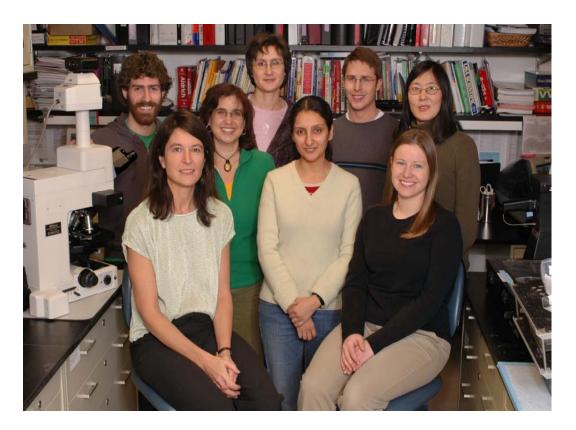
## **Translational Implications**

#### Observations

- Understanding of GR mechanisms in progression and resistance to therapy
- Blocking GR targets can increase tumor cell sensitivity to chemotherapy/ radiotherapy *in vitro*
- Implication of possible adverse effect of glucocorticoid administration on chemorx responsiveness
- Cortisol responses to stress differ depending upon social environment and support systems

#### **Translational Implications**

- → Examine GR in breast cancer subtypes to assess GR as a predictive or prognostic marker
- Test selective inhibitors of GR and of its downstream effectors in preclinical models and Phase 0/1 clinical trials
- Prospective clinical trial with and without glucocorticoid premedication
- Collaborate with social scientists to examine cortisol and GR expression in studies on social isolation and cancer





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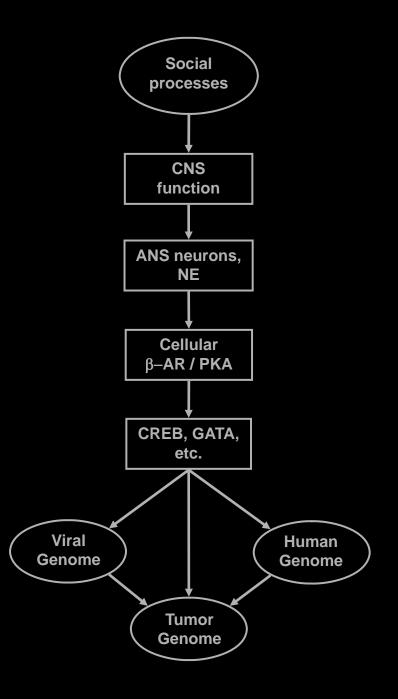
#### **Gene-Social Environment Interactions in Cancer**

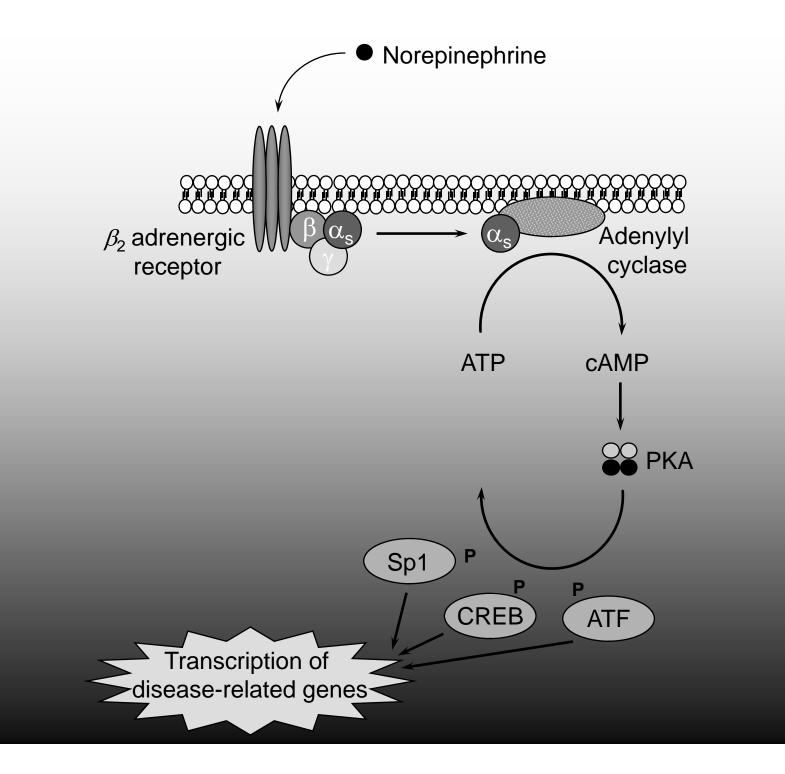
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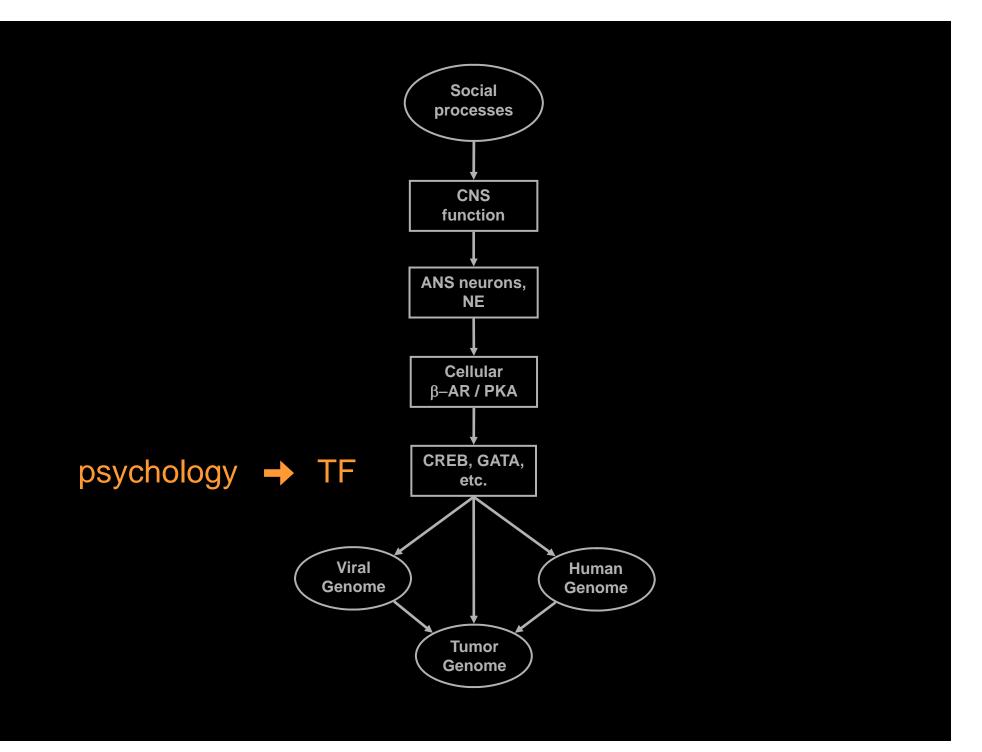
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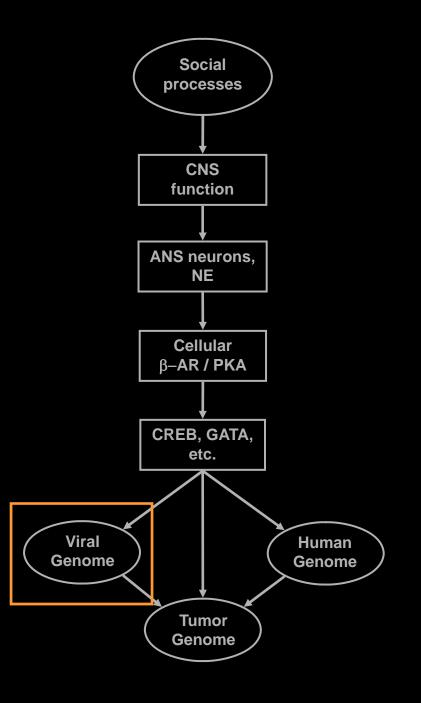
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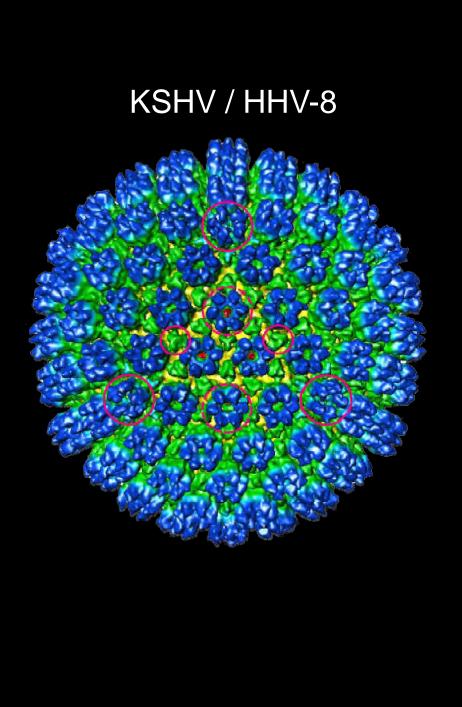
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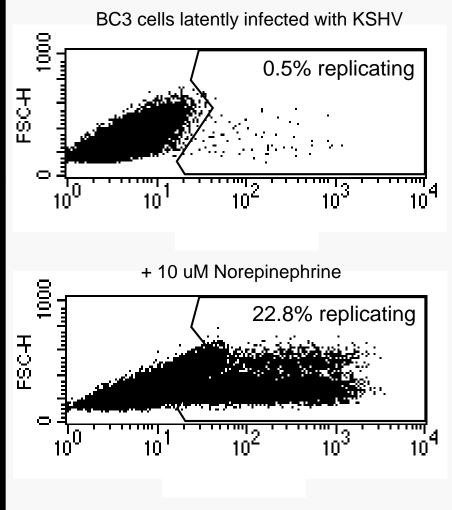




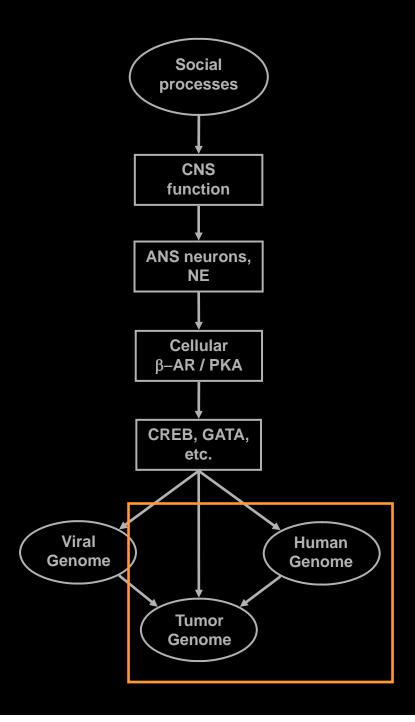








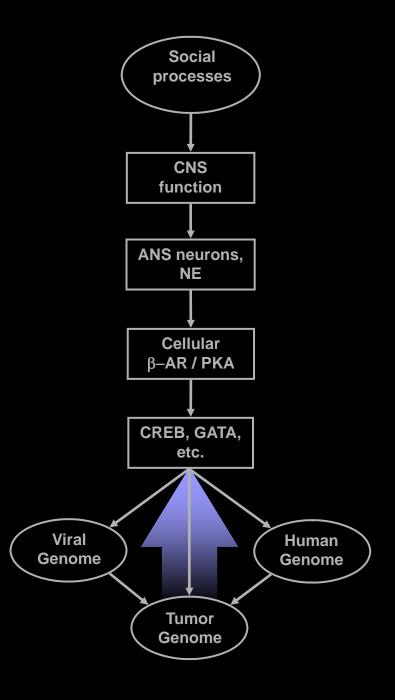
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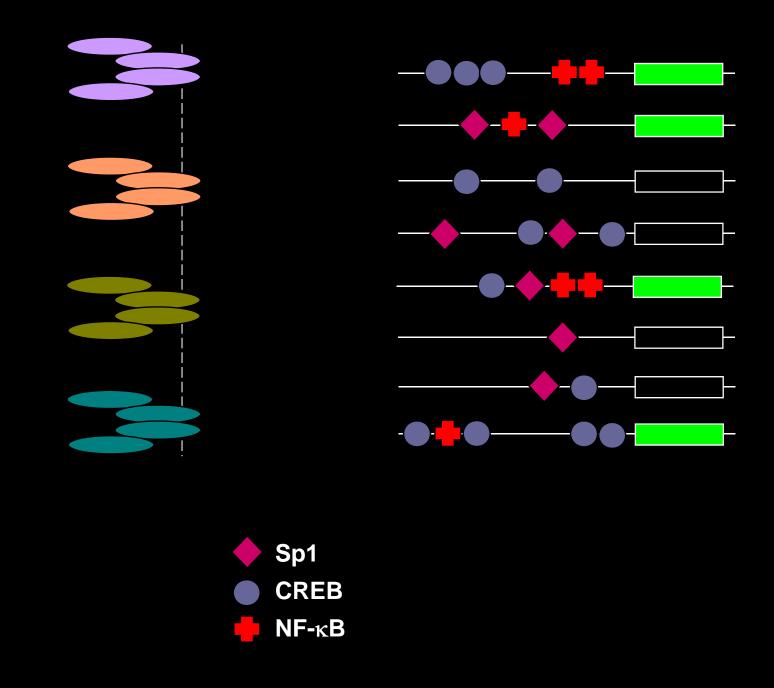


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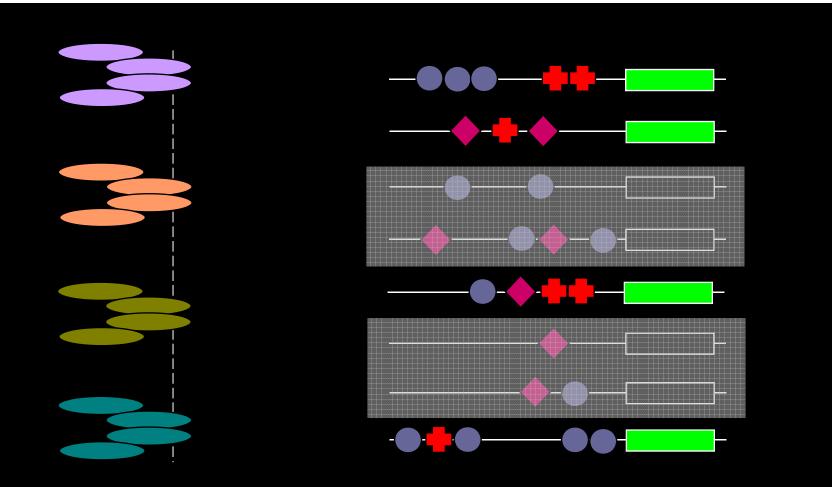
Answer: Neuroendocrine activation of cellular signal-transduction pathways.

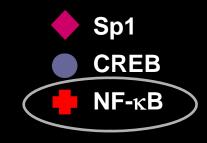
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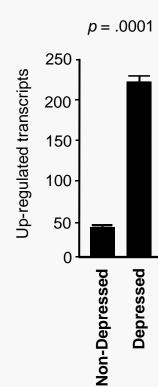
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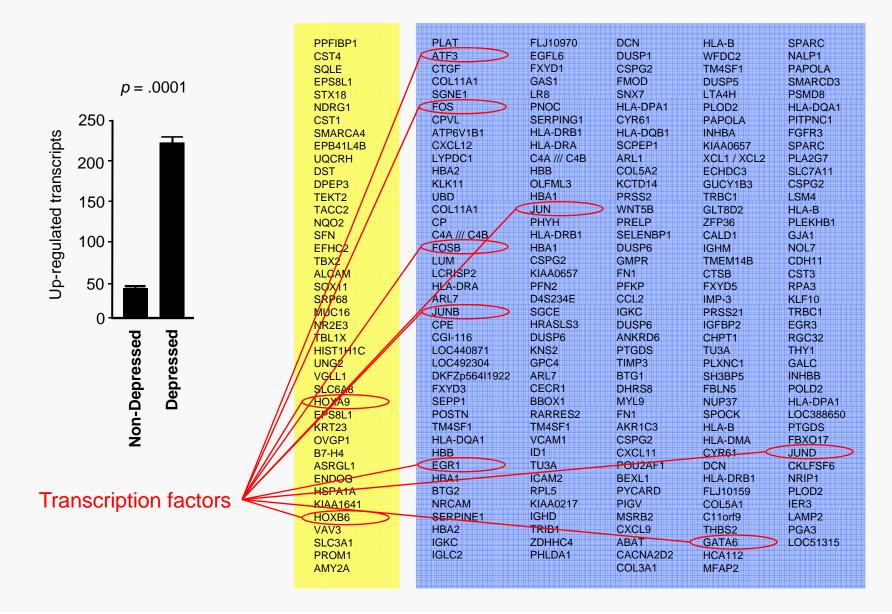
- 5 pt. with high social support and low depression
- 5 pt. with low social support and high depression
- matched on Grade, Stage, and histological subtype
- Global gene expression profiling
  - Affymetrix U133A high-density oligonucleotide arrays
  - simultaneous hybridization in UCLA / Jonsson Cancer Center DNA Microarray Core
  - low-level expression analysis by Robust Multi-array Averaging (RMA)

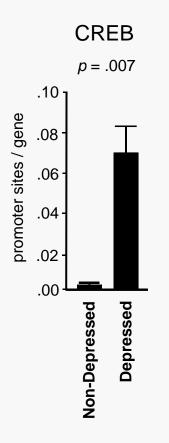
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- 1. Identify differentially expressed genes (> 2-fold)
- 2. Identify upstream transcription control pathways (www.telis.ucla.edu)

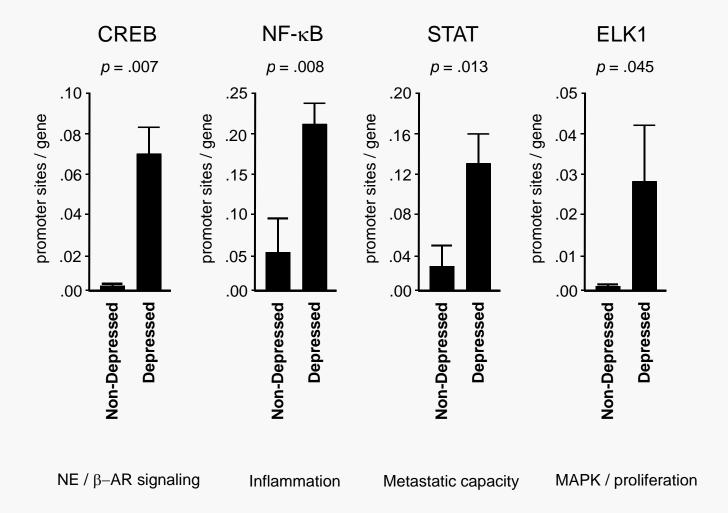


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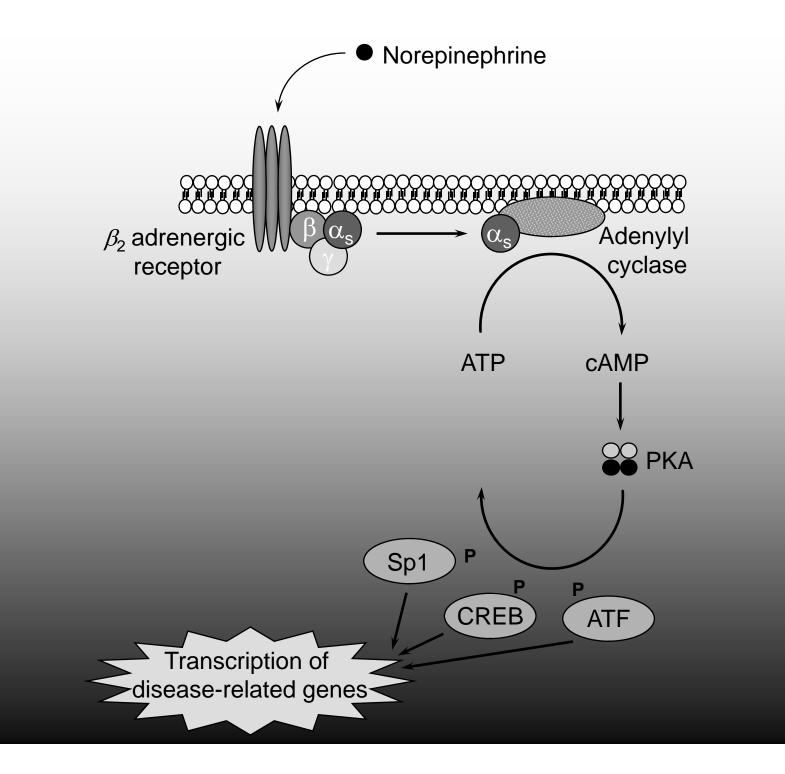
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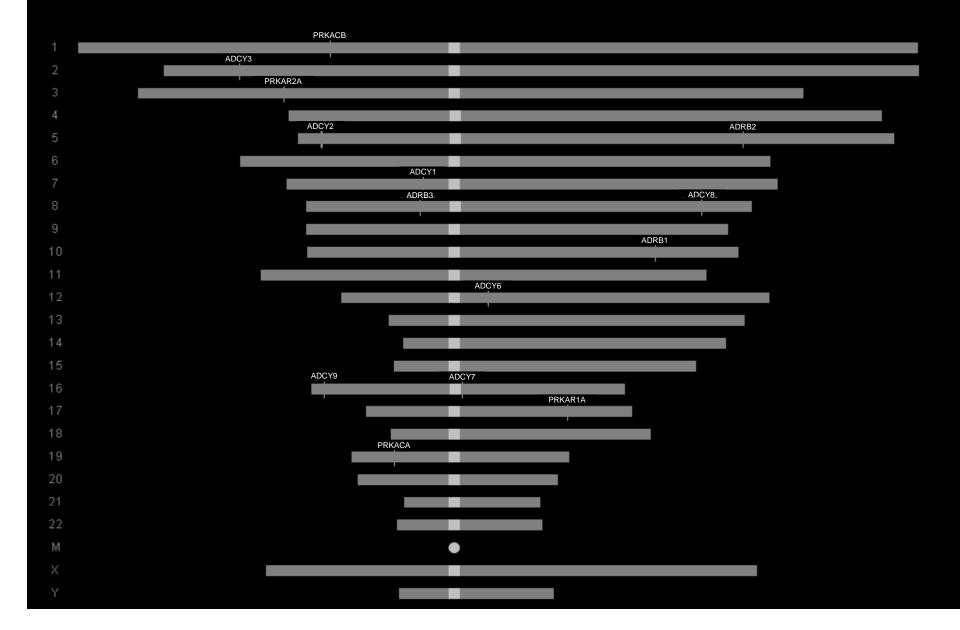
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**Answer:** Risk-related activation of the cAMP / PKA / CREB pathway in primary ovarian tumors

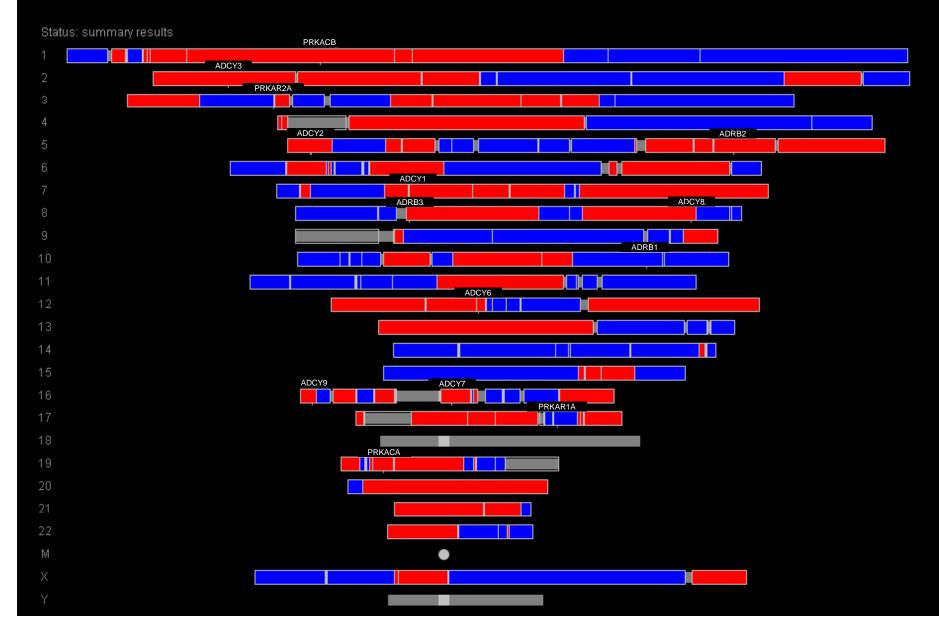
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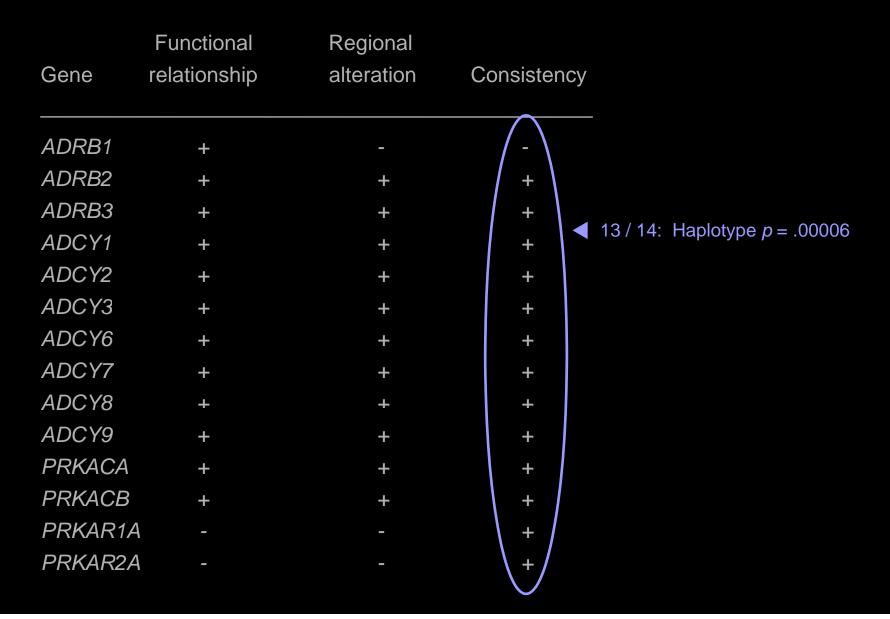
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**Answer:** Evidence of selection for  $\beta$ -AR / PKA genes in ovarian cancer

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#### Basic science: Pathway identification

- rational targeting of interventions (agent selection, personal risk profiling)
- genomic biomarkers for intervention impact

#### **Translational opportunity:** β-AR pathway

- $\beta$ -blockade (safe, cheap, effective?)
- molecular manipulation (ADRB2, ADCY, transcription factors, stay upstream for leverage)

## Support

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# **Overarching Themes\***

Stress biology can influence tumor biology
 - 1.5 - 3-fold effects observed

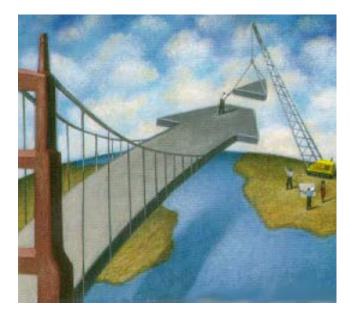
# • Mechanisms are being elucidated

- Neuroendocrine regulation of:
  - Neoplastic cell growth
  - Tumor gene expression
  - Viral gene expression
  - Cell-mediated immunity
  - Invasion
  - Tumor growth and progression

# Opportunity to test adjuvant interventions

\* See also: Biobehavioral Influences on Cancer Biology: An Emerging Opportunity (2007)

# **Future Directions**



- Breadth of effects
- Biological mechanisms
- Clinical impact

# **Opportunities**

Basic science



- Quantitative experimental models
- Pharmacologic and molecular tools
- In vivo models of human tumor biology
- Translational science
- Pilot trials for neuroendocrine modifiers
- Biomarkers for biobehavioral influences
- Transdisciplinary science

# **Symposium Purpose**

- Facilitate knowledge of this emerging area in the NCI behavioral research portfolio
- Obtain BSA input on how NCI can best:
  - -Expand the breadth and depth of this transdisciplinary science
  - -Catalyze productive high impact collaborations

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