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**Title: Pharmacological up-regulation of the metastasis suppressor, NDRG1, inhibits metastasis via inhibiting the epithelial mesenchymal transition and inducing receptor tyrosine kinase down-regulation.**

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**Abstract:** The epithelial-mesenchymal transition (EMT) is a key step for cancer cell migration, invasion, and metastasis. Transforming growth factor- $\beta$  (TGF- $\beta$ ) regulates the EMT and the metastasis suppressor gene, N-myc downstream-regulated gene-1 (NDRG1), could play a role in regulating the TGF- $\beta$  pathway. NDRG1 expression is markedly increased after chelator-mediated iron depletion via hypoxia-inducible factor 1 $\alpha$ -dependent and independent pathways (Le, N. T. and Richardson, D. R. (2004) Blood 104, 2967–2975). Moreover, novel iron chelators show marked and selective anti-tumor activity and are a potential new class of anti-metabolites. Considering this, the current study investigated the relationship between NDRG1 and the EMT to examine if iron chelators can inhibit the EMT via NDRG1 up-regulation. This presentation demonstrates that TGF- $\beta$  induces the EMT in HT29 and DU145 cells. Further, the chelators, desferrioxamine (DFO) and di-2-pyridylketone-4,4-dimethyl-3-thiosemicarbazone (Dp44mT), inhibited the TGF- $\beta$ -induced EMT by maintaining E-cadherin and  $\beta$ -catenin, at the cell membrane. We then established stable clones with NDRG1 overexpression and knock-down in HT29 and DU145 cells. These data showed that NDRG1 overexpression maintained membrane E-cadherin and  $\beta$ -catenin and inhibited TGF- $\beta$ -stimulated cell migration and invasion. Conversely, NDRG1 knock-down caused morphological changes from an epithelial- to fibroblastic-like phenotype and also increased migration and invasion, demonstrating NDRG1 knockdown induced the EMT and enhanced TGF- $\beta$  effects. We also investigated the mechanisms involved and showed the TGF- $\beta$ /SMAD and Wnt pathways were implicated in NDRG1 regulation of E-cadherin and  $\beta$ -catenin expression and translocation. This study demonstrates that chelators inhibit the TGF- $\beta$ -induced EMT via a process consistent with NDRG1 up-regulation and elucidates the mechanism of their activity.

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