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Data collection

Data was collected using Microsoft Excel 2016 64-bit (Microsoft), Vevo 2100 ultrasound imaging system, iQ3 (Andor), the PerkinElmer Vectra platform, Axio Scan.Z1 (Zeiss), FACS Diva Version 8.0.1 (BD Biosciences), NanoSight LM10 Nanoparticle Characterization system, AMT Imaging System (Advanced Microscopy Techniques Corp.).

Data analysis

Data was analyzed using GraphPad Prism Version 7.03, SAS JMP Pro software version 12.1.0, the R language environment for statistical computing version 3.1.3, imageJ 1.52 (NIH, USA), the FilamentTracer module in the Imaris software (Bitplane), the Simple Neurite Tracer plugin in the Fiji build of ImageJ (NIH), TissueFinder in PerkinElmer inForm software, Pannoramic Viewer (3DHISTECH), FACSDiva 8.0 software (BD Biosciences), FlowJo 1.0.1, Kaluza software (Beckman Coulter), the package edgeR, QIAGEN Ingenuity Pathway Analysis. Western blots were cropped in Adobe Photoshop CC 2017 and Adobe Illustrator CC 2017. miRNA analysis: Cutadapt version 1.8.1 for trimming adapters from reads, BWA version 0.7.15 for mapping the short reads, SAMtools version 1.2 for manipulating bam/sam files featureCounts from Subread version 1.5.2 for miRNA quantification. mRNA analysis: murine: FastQC version 0.11.7 for read quality check, TopHat2 version 2.0.14 for mapping, SAMtools version 1.2 for manipulating bam/sam files, HTSeq version 0.6.1 for gene quantification; human: FastQC version 0.11.8 for read quality check, TopHat2 version 2.1.1 for mapping, SAMtools version 1.2 for manipulating bam/sam files, HTSeq version 0.11.0 for gene quantification.

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Source data for the figures and extended data figures are provided. The datasets generated during the current study are available from the corresponding authors upon reasonable request.

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Life sciences study design

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Sample size	Samples sizes from other experiments were estimated from similar experiments in former publications of the group. Sample sizes for clinical data: No statistical methods were used to predetermine sample sizes and samples were selected based upon the availability of data as outlined below. -TCGA cohorts of head and neck cancer (oral cancer) were assessed. -TP53 status and the expression levels of tyrosine hydroxylase, vesicular choline transporter, neurofilament-light, and neurofilament-heavy in glossectomy tissues from treatment-naïve patients with tongue cancer treated at the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, Texas were analyzed (n = 24, 12 with wild-type TP53 and 12 with mutant TP53). -The expression levels of tyrosine hydroxylase within tumor areas in patients with oral cavity squamous cell carcinoma was evaluated and compared with their clinical characteristics and survival (n = 70). For human DRGs, experiments were prioritized based on the availability of the specimen. In vitro studies: sample sizes were determined based on the results of pilot studies, and previous similar studies that have given statistically significant results. In vivo studies: Animal experiments were conducted using between three and 13 mice per group, based on the results of pilot studies and previous studies (that have given statistical significant results based on the variance of xenograft growth in control mice. These power calculations indicated use of at least 3 mice per genotype to give 80% power to detect an effect size of 20% with a significance level of 0.05).
Data exclusions	No data excluded.
Replication	All attempts at replication were successful. Experiments were performed at least two times and/or with sufficient cells/animals per group to demonstrate statistical significance. Number of replicates of each experiment is indicated in the corresponding figure legend. Data was replicated using: 1. Human specimen (cancer and neurons) 2. Orthotopic xenograft models (HN30, HN31, PCI13, p53- and miR34- isogenic cell lines) 3. Transgenic (Trp53) model We have designed (CRISPR/Cas9) 2 independent clones (#11 and #18) of RAB27A-/-;RAB27B-/- knock out cells. We have designed p53 function studies using genetic approach with 5 isogenic PCI-13 (exogenous p53) cell lines and 2 isogenic HN30 (endogenous p53) OCSCC cell lines.
Randomization	Animals were randomly allocated for surgical denervation or carvedilol/6OHDA treatment prior to surgery or treatment initiation, respectively. For exosome injection studies and orthotopic models with no intervention (other than tumor engraftment) animals were randomly allocated prior to cell inoculation.
Blinding	The researchers were blinded during the measurement of the tumor size and body weight of mice except in the experiment shown in Fig. 3i-k. The researchers were blinded during outcome assessment.

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Materials & experimental systems

n/a	Involved in the study
☐	☒ Antibodies
☐	☒ Eukaryotic cell lines
☒	☐ Palaeontology
☐	☒ Animals and other organisms
☐	☒ Human research participants
☒	☐ Clinical data

Methods

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☒	☐ ChIP-seq
☐	☒ Flow cytometry
☒	☐ MRI-based neuroimaging

Antibodies

Antibodies used

Rat anti-human/mouse Oct3/4-APC (Clone:240408, R&D systems, cat#:IC1759A, 1:400).
 Mouse anti-human CD63 (unconjugated, Clone TS63, Abcam, cat#:ab59479, 1:1000, Lot:GR3186539-1).
 Rabbit anti-TRPV1 (unconjugated, Clone VR1, Alomone Labs cat#:ACC-030; 1:500, Lot:ACC030AG1040).
 Rabbit anti-doublecortin (unconjugated, polyclonal, Abcam, cat#:ab18723, 1:1000, Lot#: GR3224908-1).
 Rabbit anti-Rab27B (unconjugated, polyclonal, Abcam, cat#:ab103418, 1:200, Lot #: GR3238038-3).
 Mouse anti-Rab27A (unconjugated, monoclonal, Abcam, cat#:ab55667, 1:200, Lot #: GR3198959-1).
 Rabbit anti-TH (unconjugated, polyclonal, Bioss, cat#:bs-0016R-A488, 1:50, Lot:AE092200).
 Mouse anti-TP53 (unconjugated, Clone DO-1, Cell Signaling, cat#:18032, 1:1000).
 Rabbit anti-Notch1 (unconjugated, Clone D1E11, Cell Signaling, cat#:3608, 1:1000).
 Mouse anti- β actin (unconjugated, Clone AC-15, Sigma, cat#:A1978, 1:4000).
 Mouse anti neuron-specific β 3-tubulin-APC (Clone TUJ-1, R&D systems, cat#:IC1195A, 1:100, Lot: ABFK0117091).
 Rabbit anti-Oct4 (unconjugated, polyclonal, Abcam, cat#:ab18976, 1:100, Lot:GR3202710-3).
 Rabbit anti- β 3-tubulin (polyclonal, unconjugated, Abcam, cat#:ab18207, 1:2000, Lot#: GR3221401-3 and GR3196636-1).
 Chicken anti-neurofilament heavy (polyclonal, unconjugated, Abcam, cat#:ab4680, 1:1000, Lot:GR3241438-4).
 Rabbit anti-MASH1/ASCL1 (polyclonal, unconjugated, Abcam, cat#:ab74065; 1:250, Lot:GR3178505-1).
 Rabbit anti-TH (polyclonal, unconjugated, EMD Millipore, cat#: AB152, 1:400, Lot:2971004, 3031639 and 3072361).
 Rabbit anti-neurogenin2 (unconjugated, polyclonal, EMD Millipore, cat#:AB5682, 1:400, Lot:3066197).
 Rabbit anti-neurofilament heavy polypeptide (unconjugated, polyclonal, Abcam, cat#:ab8135, 1:1000, Lot:GR3224043-9).
 Chicken anti-68kDa NF/NF-L (unconjugated, polyclonal, Abcam, cat#:ab24520, 1:700, Lot:GR3206616-5).
 Mouse anti-SOX2 (unconjugated, Clone 245610, R&D systems, cat#: IC2018V-100UG, 1:500, Lot:1502977).
 Rabbit anti-neurofilament L (unconjugated, polyclonal, EMD Millipore, cat#:AB9568, 1:700, Lot:2943223).
 Goat anti-VACHT (unconjugated, polyclonal, EMD Millipore, cat#:ABN100, 1:1000, Lot: 2899777).
 Chicken anti-Tbr2 (unconjugated, polyclonal, EMD Millipore, cat#:AB15894, 1:500, Lot:3071578).
 Mouse anti-pancytokeratin (unconjugated, Polyclonal PAN-CK, ThermoFisher, cat#:MA5-13203, 1:50).
 Rabbit anti-KLF4 (unconjugated, polyclonal Novus, cat#:NBP2-24749, 1:100, Lot:05232589B-07).

Validation

Well-validated human and mouse antibodies were purchased from established commercial vendors, including Abcam, Sigma, EMD Millipore, Novus, Bioss, R&D Systems, Cell Signaling, and Life Technologies. Unless otherwise noted, antibodies were used at manufacturer- and primary literature-validated concentrations for the relevant assays, as detailed below:
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Eukaryotic cell lines

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Cell line source(s)	PCI-13 cells were obtained from the laboratory of Dr. Jennifer Grandis (University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA). HN30 and HN31 cells were obtained from the laboratory of Dr. John Ensley (Wayne State University, Detroit, MI) and from Dr. Barbara Frederick (University of Colorado Health Sciences Center-Colorado), respectively.
Authentication	All human cell lines were authenticated upon arrival by STR profiling using 14 short tandem repeat (STR) loci including the gender determining locus, Amelogenin.
Mycoplasma contamination	All cell lines were tested for mycoplasma contamination periodically, including immediately upon receipt via the MycoAlert Mycoplasma Testing Kit (Lonza). Results were always negative for mycoplasma contamination.
Commonly misidentified lines (See ICLAC register)	No commonly misidentified cell lines were used in this study.

Animals and other organisms

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Laboratory animals	Male or female B6.129P2-Trp53tm1Brn/J, and BALB/c nu/nu (B6.Cg-Foxn1nu+/-) mice at the age of 6 to 8 weeks were obtained from the Jackson Laboratory. Krt5-Cre was obtained from Dr. Carlos Caulin.
Wild animals	No wild animals were used.
Field-collected samples	No field-collected samples were used.
Ethics oversight	Study protocols were approved by the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC).

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Human research participants

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Population characteristics

Historical specimen of patients who underwent glossectomy and neck dissection and had histologically confirmed and clinically local or locoregional oral cavity cancer at the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center were used.

For Human DRG experiments written informed consent for participation, including use of tissue samples, was obtained from each patient prior to inclusion. The protocol was reviewed and approved by The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center Institutional Review Board, and all experiments conformed to relevant guidelines and regulations. Briefly, each donor was undergoing surgical treatment that necessitated ligation of spinal nerve roots to facilitate tumor resection or spinal reconstruction. Spinal roots were ligated proximal to the DRG, spinal roots were sharply cut both proximal and distal to the DRG, and excised DRG were transferred immediately into cold (~4°C) and sterile balanced salt solution containing nutrients. DRG were transported to the laboratory on ice in a sterile, sealed 50-mL centrifuge tube. Upon arrival to the laboratory, each ganglion was carefully dissected from the surrounding connective tissues and sectioned into several ~1- to 2-mm pieces. DRG were digested in 2 mL of a mixed enzyme solution: 0.1% trypsin (Sigma-Aldrich, T9201), 0.1% collagenase Sigma-Aldrich, C1764; w/v, final concentration), and 0.01% DNase (Sigma-Aldrich, D5025) diluted in DMEM/F-12. The pieces of tissue were transferred to a 37°C rotator to shake at a speed 124-128 revolutions/min. Every 20 minutes, tissue fragments were allowed to settle, and the supernatant/dissociated cells were collected and transferred to DMEM/F-12 with enzyme inhibitor. Supernatant was replaced with 2 mL of fresh digestion solution. The tissue was returned to the 37°C rotator, and this process was repeated until tissue fragments were well digested. Dissociated cells were centrifuged at 180 rpm for 5 minutes, supernatant was removed, and the cells were gently resuspended in culture medium with DMEM/F-12 supplemented with EV free 10% serum and 2 mM glutamine. Cells were plated onto laminin-coated μ -Slide 8 Well (ibidi) and cultured at 37°C with 5% CO₂ for 24-72 hours prior to undergoing transfection or labeling.

Recruitment

Human samples were obtained from surgically resected OCSG patients treated at the department of head and neck surgery at the University Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, Tx USA. All patients gave their informed consent for the use of their resected specimen.

Ethics oversight

Study protocols were approved by the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center Institutional Review Board.

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Methodology

Sample preparation

Primary sensory neurons were isolated from dissected TG as previously described (31). After ganglia dissection, tissue was enzymatically digested with papain (40 U/mL, EMD Millipore) for 20 minutes in 37°C followed by 20 minutes of digestion with collagenase II (4 mg/mL)/dispase II (4.6 mg/mL) solution. Using Percoll gradient (12.5% and 28% Percoll in complete L-15 medium [L-15 with 5% fetal calf serum, penicillin/streptomycin, HEPES]), we separated the myelin and nerve debris from trigeminal neurons. All cell sorting experiments (See Neuron Sequencing) were carried out using a FACSAria Cell Sorter (BD Biosciences), and all flow cytometric analyses were carried out using an LSR II flow cytometer running FACSDiva 8.0 software (all BD Biosciences).

Samples were run in F-12 serum-free media, and cell doublets, debris, and dead cells were excluded by fetal calf serum, SSC, and NeuO (NeuroFluor NeuO, Stemcell Technologies, Ex/Em: 468/557 nm) profiles. Data were analyzed by Kaluza (Beckman Coulter) software. To assess adrenergic differentiation and transdifferentiation by flow cytometry, cell suspensions were stained on ice with cell surface markers and transcription factors (see Antibodies and staining reagents). Briefly, following cell fixation and permeabilization, cells were stained with the primary antibodies according to the manufacturer's instructions (BD Biosciences). After exclusion of dead cells and non-neuronal cells (by NTIII labeling), TH, OCT3/4, SOX2, KLF4, MASH1, doublecortin, TBR1 and neurogenin2 fluorescence was measured by flow cytometry.

Instrument

BD FACSAria Cell Sorter and BD LSR II (BD Biosciences) were used in this study.

Software

BD FACS Diva Software Version 8.0.1 was used to collect the data.
FlowJo Version 1.0.1 was used to analyze the data.

Cell population abundance

Cell number subjected to flow cytometry was limited due to availability of the cells from trigeminal ganglia.

Gating strategy

FSC/SSC were used to discern single cells from doublets/multiple cells. Samples without fluorescent staining were used to establish boundaries between negative and positive cells.

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