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Recently published pre-clinical data suggest that Wnt-5a can promote cancer progression in oral squamous carcinoma

WntResearch AB hereby announces that Tommy Andersson's research group at Lund University has published pre-clinical data demonstrating that Wnt-5a signaling can increase migration and invasion of oral squamous cells. Interestingly enough, these effects of Wnt-5a can be inhibited by the antagonistic peptide Box-5. These data support a concept where Wnt-5a is likely to promote progression of the disease and that Box-5 is a possible means of interfering with this progression. The work was published on-line in the Journal of Oral Pathology & Medicine on the 2nd of December, 2014.

VD Nils Brünner comments: "The prognosis for patients diagnosed with Oral Squamous Carcinoma is still poor. The identification of novel therapeutic targets and possible new treatment options for the disease are therefore essential. This early pre-clinical work by Professor Tommy Andersson's research group is an interesting and exciting step in the right direction"

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