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Chimeric Transcript Generated by cis-Splicing of Adjacent Genes Regulates Prostate Cancer Cell Proliferation

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Zhang and colleagues observed that transcription occurs across the boundary of 2 adjacent genes, solute carrier family 45, member 3 (SLC45A3) and ETS-domain protein SRF accessory protein 1 (ELK4), in prostate cancers in association with decreased CCCTC-binding factor (CTCF) occupancy at intergenic insulator sequences. Multiple prostate cancer cell lines were dependent on SLC45A3-ELK4 expression, and chimeric SLC45A3-ELK4 RNA levels correlated with Gleason score. These findings establish cis-splicing as a mechanism by which oncogenic gene fusions can potentially occur and implicate SLC45A3-ELK4 as a putative driver of prostate cancer development. For details, please see the article by Zhang and colleagues on page 598.

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