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screening compounds for anti-metastatic activity.

The SK1041 cell lines were derived from the human breast cancer cell line MDA-MB-231 following multiple rounds of *in vivo* selection in immunodeficient mice. They exhibit unique metastatic capacities compared to the parental MDA-MB-231 line, including organ-selective homing, distinct transcriptional profiles, and more aggressive phenotypes. The panel includes lung-, bone-, brain-, and adrenal-selective metastatic derivatives in addition to cell lines with increased capacity for tumor self-seeding, a process in which circulating tumor cells return to and grow in the primary tumor, promoting tumor progression and further metastasis. Subsets of these populations have been engineered to express reporter plasmids, including a novel triple-modality reporter that permits nuclear, fluorescent, and bioluminescence imaging in a single experimental model. Parental line established at MD Anderson.

## Advantages

- Pure clonal populations of organ-tropic metastatic cells permit the selective study and comparison of biological mechanisms mediating metastasis to specific organs.

- *In vivo* metastatic lesions develop twice as fast and with a three-fold increase in penetrance compared to parental cell line (~6 weeks with ~90% penetrance vs. ~11 weeks with ~30% penetrance), reducing time and cost for each experiment.
- Aggressive phenotype allows facile detection of metastatic lesions by imaging and histochemical methods.
- These cell lines can be used for both *in vivo* and *in vitro* modeling (i.e. trans-well, Matrigel migration, etc.) of metastasis.

## Areas of Application

- Research tool to study organ-tropic metastasis and tumor self-seeding
- Research tool for screening of potential anti-metastatic and anti-tumor self-seeding therapeutics

## Stage of Development

Fully validated as an *in vivo* and *in vitro* research tool

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## Stage of Development

Ready to use

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