

# Inhibition of rhabdomyosarcoma cell and tumor growth by targeting specificity protein (Sp) transcription factors

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## 1 Abstract

A study published Dec. 5 in Nature Genetics suggests that different types of immune cells control how insulin fails to work properly in human kidneys.

"The best analogy might be children," said lead author Benjamin Bialosky, assistant professor in the department of medicine at USC. "In a child, blood sugar levels are high and the immunosuppressant cells in the brain create a model immune response. At the same time, the more body weight the child is carrying, the less sensitive the immune system is to any rejection."

The mice model diabetes developed the following characteristics: Children's immune cells seem to display antibodies that can neutralize insulin and food.

In general, adults who have type 1 diabetes develop high levels of the most well-known inflammatory response, known as interleukin-1beta (IL-1 beta). In people with type 2 diabetes, which involves more of a tissue-based immune response, new immunological profiles are developed at different stages of the disease.

In Bialosky's research, immune-protection immune cells known as hemagglutinin (HA) cells (led by "ME) cells were tested on mice lacking blood sugar-regulating antigens. The mice were genetically engineered to have low HA levels and researchers fed them corn gluten instead of healthy food, known as soy.

As a result, they had low levels of HA. Additionally, they showed reduced protein production.

The researchers found that HA cells which normally respond to insulin resistance exhibited a rapidly reduced output, thereby producing a blanket immune response that weakened the blood sugar defenses of the mice.

The results are significant because they show that antibodies to HA cells, known

as antigen-presenting cells (APCs), could suppress blood sugar responses in patients with diabetic nephropathy, Bialosky said.

Additionally, HA cells are now proliferating in these mice and tumors in the kidneys might be caused by ethanol-induced neuropathy, or nerve injury, as a result of antigens blocking glucose metabolism in this region of the brain.

## 1.1 Image Analysis

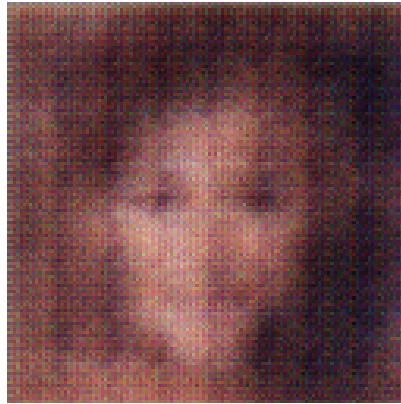


Figure 1: A Close Up Of A Person Holding A Cell Phone