

# Molecular cytogenetic characterization of two murine cancer cell lines derived from salivary gland

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## Abstract

Here two murine salivary gland cancer (SGC) cell lines WR21 and SCA-9 were studied for the first time in detail by high-resolution molecular cytogenetic approaches. This study revealed that these cell lines are models for human SGCs of initial stage myoepithelioid or mucoepidermoid (WR21) and of advanced stage mucoepidermoid (SCA-9) tumors. Besides, three genes most likely playing a role in SGC development (*FGF10*, *ELAVL1/HUR* and *SEL1*) were identified. All of them were involved in translocation events in these in vitro models and thus were most likely activated. Overall, the present study highlights the necessity not only to establish but also to genetically characterize murine tumor cell lines. Without such a characterization they cannot be used in a reasonable way in research.

**Keywords:** salivary gland cancer (SGC), murine tumor cell lines, WR21, SCA-9, myoepithelioid SGC, mucoepidermoid SGC, *FGF10*, *ELAVL1/HUR*, *SEL1*.

## Introduction

Salivary gland cancers (SGCs) are a specific and rare subgroup of tumors known from oral and maxillofacial clinical practice. They account for around 3–5% of all head and neck cancers and for only less than 0.5% of all cancers (Zboray et al., 2018). Nevertheless, SGCs include more than 35 histological subtypes and are known for their progressive and heterogeneous clinical behavior (El-Naggar et al., 1997; Persson et al., 2009; Cao et al., 2018).

The mentioned subtypes of SGCs exist partially due to the fact that salivary glands consist of three major paired glands (parotid, submandibular and sublingual) and minor glands, located in the mucosa of the palate, lips and respiratory tract (Omitola and Iyogun, 2018; Zboray et al., 2018). Tumors located in the parotid part are only 25% malignant. However, the incidence of malignancies is much higher in the submandibular part (50%) and minor salivary glands (60–80%) (Sood et al., 2016; Solanki, 2011). In general, SGCs are divided in two forms: (i) a simple palpable lump, being well-defined, discrete, and mobile, and (ii) a lump with significant accompanying symptoms like pain, rapid growth, fixity to surrounding structures, nerve involvement and/or neck metastasis (Sood et al., 2016). Current therapeutic options for human SGCs are limited. Depending on their location, some SGCs can be surgically addressed, while others are difficult to remove completely. Radiation therapy is used; still it has turned out to be less effective for clinical treatment. Accordingly, chemotherapy is the only treatment option in metastatic SGCs (Keller et al., 2017; Zboray et al., 2018).

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The detailed molecular mechanisms controlling tumor progression and metastasis in SGCs and their genetic profiles are still not well understood (Vekony et al., 2009). However, characterization of these underlying mechanisms is essential for understanding and development of more effective methods of diagnosis and treatment against the disease (Murase et al., 2016). Hence, there is a need for better understanding of the genetics and molecular mechanisms of SGC-pathogenesis, to be used in the future toward the development of novel therapeutic approaches (Cao et al., 2018; Murase et al., 2016; Zboray et al., 2018).

One possible approach for studying the biology of SGCs and developing new therapeutic strategies is the use of mouse models (Zboray et al., 2018). Previous research showed that submandibular gland-derived tumor cell lines present characteristics of differentiated epithelial cells and can be used to study proliferation signaling pathways and their regulation (Trzaskawka et al., 2000; Español et al., 2012). Still, surprisingly, murine cell lines used as models for human SGCs have not yet been very well characterized genetically for their tumor-associated alterations.

Fluorescence in situ hybridization (FISH) and microarray-based comparative genomic hybridization (array CGH) were used in this study to determine the genomic aberrations of the two murine SGC cell lines WR21 and SCA-9. WR21 was first described by Young et al. (2006) as being derived from a salivary tumor in a male wap-ras subline 69-2 (C57BL/6, SJL) transgenic mouse; it was already established in 1989. Such tumors are described as extremely aggressive and as expressing high levels of oncogenic ras-protein from the activated human *H-RAS* transgene (Nielsen et al., 1994). SCA-9 was already established in 1980 (Barka, 1980; Barka et al., 2005) and was derived from a carcinogen (7,12-dimethylbenz(a)anthracene)-induced tumor of a male Swiss-Webster mouse submandibular gland. Both cell lines have only been applied in 10 published studies (see Pubmed: <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/?term=wr21> and <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/?term=SCA-9+mouse>), which may also be due to the fact that their genetics had not been studied in detail. Here, we analyzed WR21 and SCA-9 cell lines by FISH-banding and aCGH and aligned them with their human SGC subtypes.

## Material and Methods

### CELL LINES

The cell lines WR21 and SCA-9 were obtained from American Type Culture Collection (ATCC® CRL-2189™, ATCC® CRL-1734™; Middlesex, UK). They are indicated there as ‘not further characterized salivary tumor lines’

to be grown adherently in DMEM medium containing 10% fetal calf serum in the presence of antibiotics. For this study, cells were worked up cytogenetically as previously reported (Rhode et al., 2018) and in parallel whole genomic DNA was extracted using the Blood & Cell Culture DNA Midi Kit (Qiagen; Hilden, Germany) according to the manufacturer’s instructions and described elsewhere (Kubikova et al., 2017). We conducted molecular cytogenetic analyses on the cell line-derived chromosomes and aCGH analyses on the extracted DNA (see below).

According to the ethical committee (medical faculty) and the Animal Experimentation Commission of the Friedrich Schiller University, there are no ethical agreements necessary for studies involving murine tumor cell lines like WR21 and SCA-9.

### MOLECULAR CYTOGENETICS

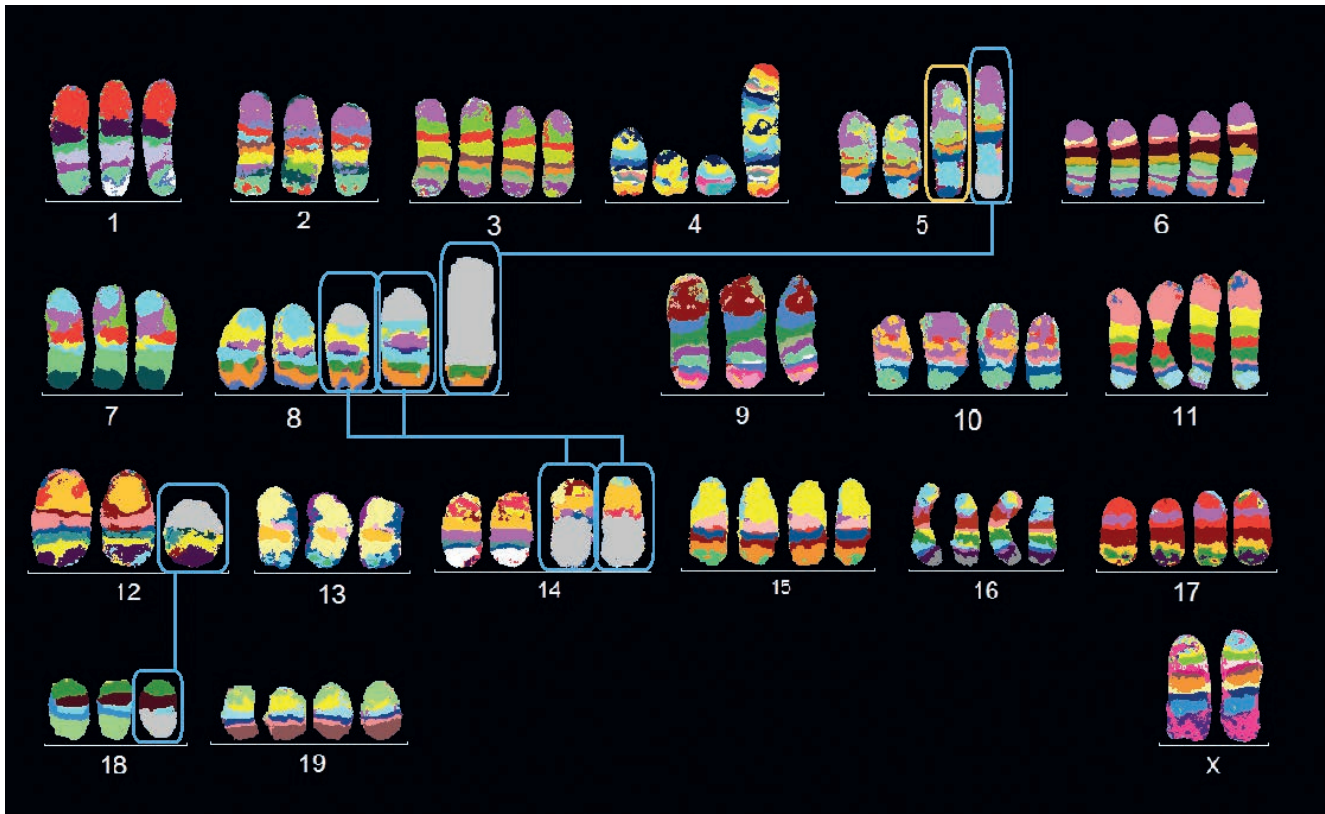
FISH was performed as previously described (Kubikova et al., 2017). Whole chromosome paints (“SkyPaint™ DNA Kit M-10 for Mouse Chromosomes”, Applied Spectral Imaging, Edingen-Neckarhausen, Germany) were used for multicolor-FISH (mFISH), and murine chromosome-specific multicolor banding (mcb) probe mixes for FISH-banding (Liehr et al., 2006). At least 30 metaphases were documented and analyzed for each probe set ((including using SkyPaint™) Zeiss Axioplan microscopy, equipped with ISIS software (MetaSystems, Altlussheim, Germany)). Array-based comparative genomic hybridization (aCGH) was done according to standard procedures by “SurePrint G3 Mouse CGH Microarray, 4×180K” (Agilent Technologies) (Kubikova et al., 2017).

### DATA ANALYSIS

The breakpoints and imbalances of WR21 and SCA-9 were determined after analyses of aCGH and mcb data, and aligned to human homologous regions using Ensembl and the UCSC Genome Browser, as previously described (Leibiger et al., 2013). The obtained data were compared to genetic changes known from human SGCs according to Fowler et al. (2006), Rao et al. (2008), Persson et al. (2009), Vekony et al. (2009), Jee et al. (2013) and Matse et al. (2017).

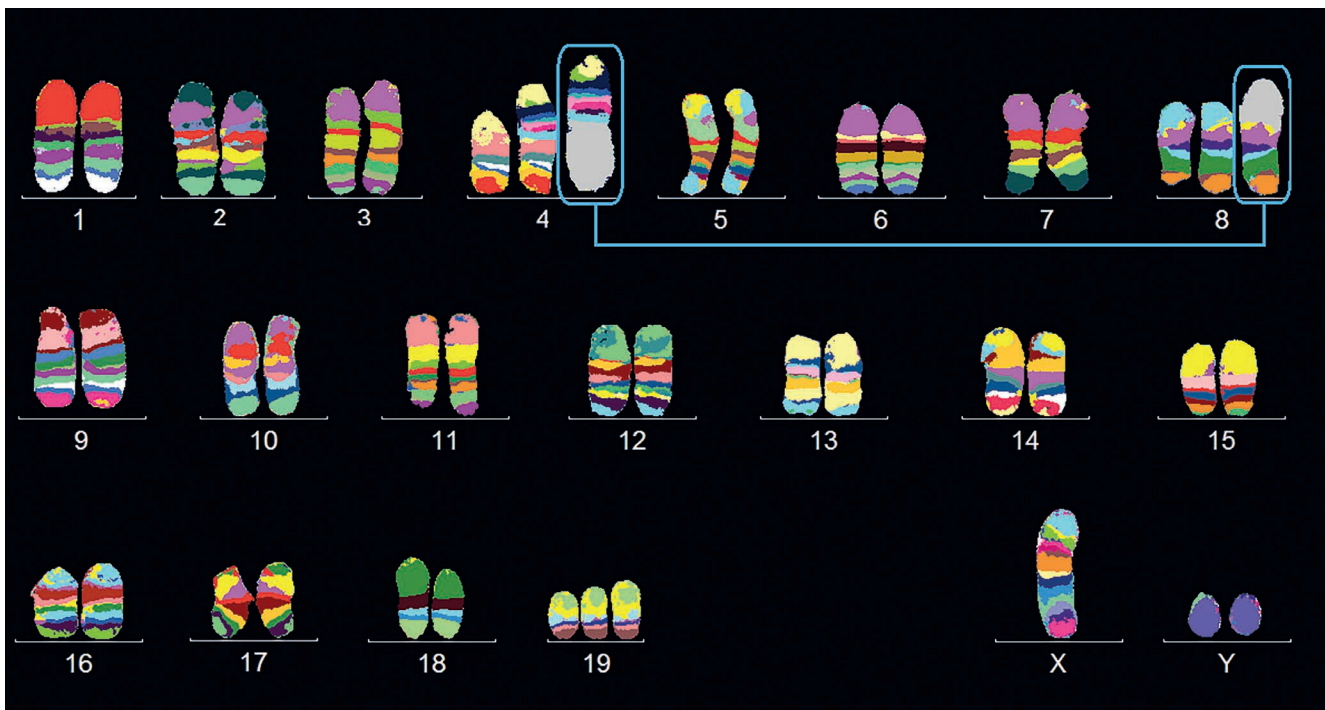
## Results

WR21 is mitotically relatively stable, and the near-diploid karyotype has an overall low rate of single cell aberrations; still, it developed two main clones. Clone 1 represents 16.6% of the cells and has the karyotype 44,XY,+Y,+inv(4)(A1C4),+8,der(9)(A1->E2::E1-qter),der(12)(A1->F2::F1->qter),+19. Clone 2 together with one subclone was found in 83.4% of the cells. Main-



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**Fig. 1.** Murine multicolor banding (mcb) was applied on chromosomes of SGC cell line WR21. Typical pseudocolor banding for all 21 different murine chromosomes is shown for clone 2. This figure depicts the summary of 21 chromosome-specific FISH-experiments. One derivative chromosome consisting of two different chromosomes is highlighted by frames and shown twice in this summarizing karyogram.



**Fig. 2.** mcb-results for SGC cell line SCA-9 cell line are shown. Four derivative chromosomes are highlighted by blue frames and shown twice in this summarizing karyogram; the derivative chromosome 5 is highlighted by a yellow frame.

**Table 1. Imbalances larger than one cytoband present in WR21 were translated to their corresponding homologous regions in human karyotype (see Suppl. 1) and are listed in the first column. Those are compared to four common types of human SGCs**

Chr. region in human	WR21	Adenoid cystic carcinoma	Myoepitheliomas	pleomorphic adenoma	Mucoepidermoid
11q13.3	Gain	Gain			
19p13.2-p13.12	Gain	Gain			
11q12.1-q13.3	Gain	Gain	Gain		Gain
8p23.3-p21.3	Gain		Gain	Loss	Loss
13q33.1-q34	Gain		Gain		Gain
22q12.3	Gain		Gain		
8p12-p11.21	Gain			Gain	
2q22.1-q32.1	Loss			Gain	
19p13.12-p13.11	Gain				Gain
3q25.1-q26.2	Gain				Gain
<b>Overall agreement</b>		<b>3/10</b>	<b>4/10</b>	<b>1/10</b>	<b>4/10</b>

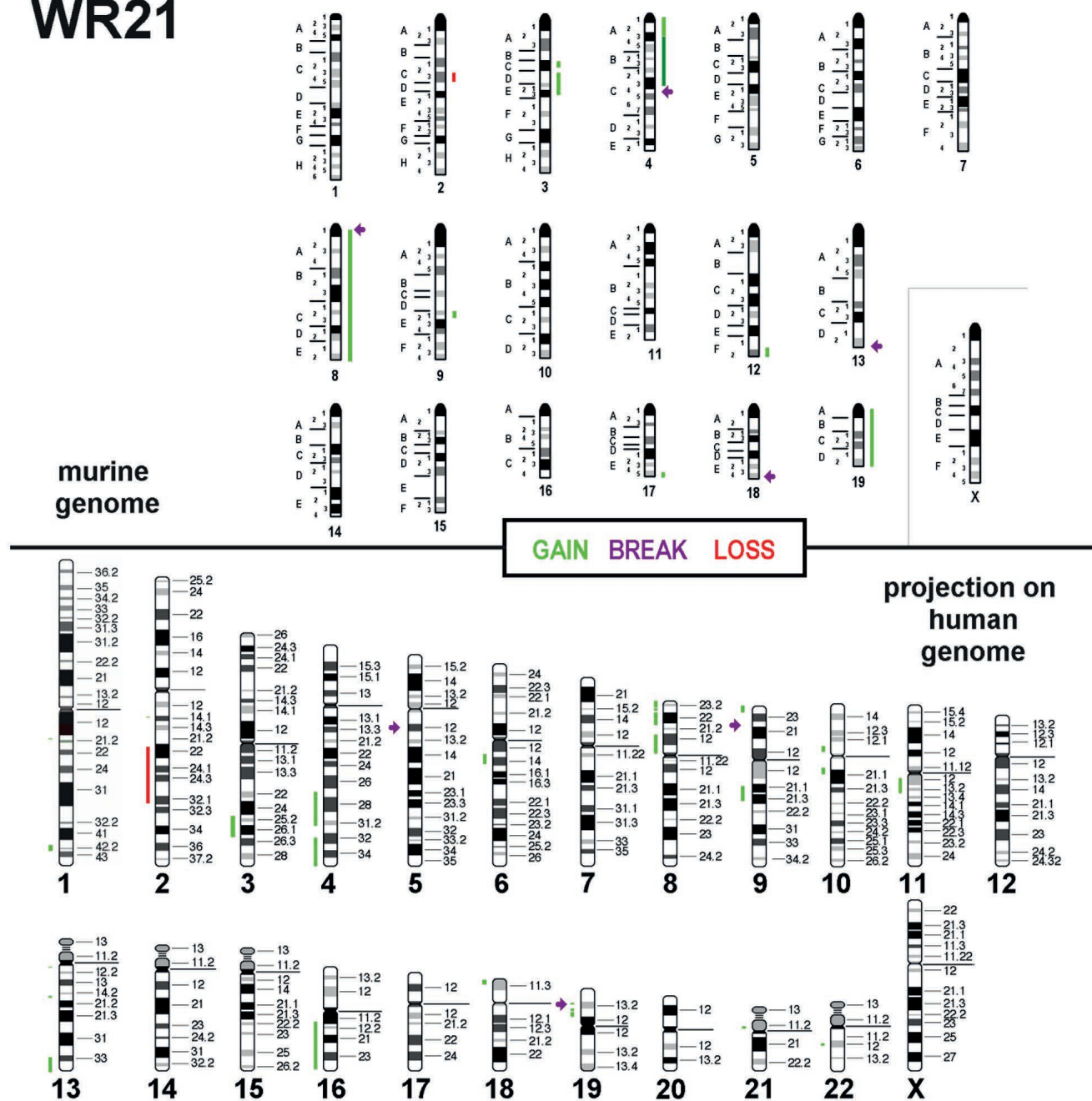
**Table 2. Imbalances larger than one cytoband present in SCA-9 were translated to their corresponding homologous regions in human karyotype (see Suppl. 2) and are listed in the first column. Those are compared to 4 human SCG-subtypes**

Chr. region in human	SCA-9 copy numbers	Adenoid cystic carcinoma	Myoepitheliomas	pleomorphic adenoma	Mucoepidermoid
16p	altered	Gain			Gain
9q33.3-q34.3	altered	Gain			
11q23.3	altered	Gain			
19q13.3-p13.11	altered	Gain			Gain
21q22.3	altered	Gain			
13q21-q22	altered	Loss	Gain		Gain
1p32-p36	altered	Loss			Loss
5q13.2-q15	altered				Loss
3p21.3	altered			Loss	
11pter-p14.3	altered			Loss	
15q25~qter	altered				Gain
6p22~q24	altered				Gain
5pter-p15.31	altered				Gain
9q33.3-q34.3	altered				Gain
18q12.2-qter	altered				Gain
12p13.2	altered				Loss
<b>Overall agreement</b>		<b>7/16</b>	<b>1/16</b>	<b>2/16</b>	<b>11/16</b>

clone of clone 2 revealed the karyotype 43,XY,+Y,inv(4)(A1C4),+der(4)t(4;8)(:4C4->4A4::A1-E2),+19 and was present in 77% of all cells (Fig. 1). In the remaining 6.4% of the cells, clone 2 further acquired a loss in one of the Y-chromosomes; i.e., there was a del(Y) — this subset was called clone 2a.

In SCA-9 most chromosomes are tetraploid and the cell line is chromosomally unstable, as reflected by many single cell aberrations: 62~76,XX,-1,-2,idic(4)(A1;A1),del(4)(C1),del(4)(C1),der(5)(A1->G3::G3->G2:),der(5)t(5;8)(5A1->5G3::5G3->5G2::8B1->8E2),+6,-7,-8,-8,-9,-12,-12,-13,der(14)t(14;8)(C1;A1)x2, der(18)t(18;12)(D;E),-18

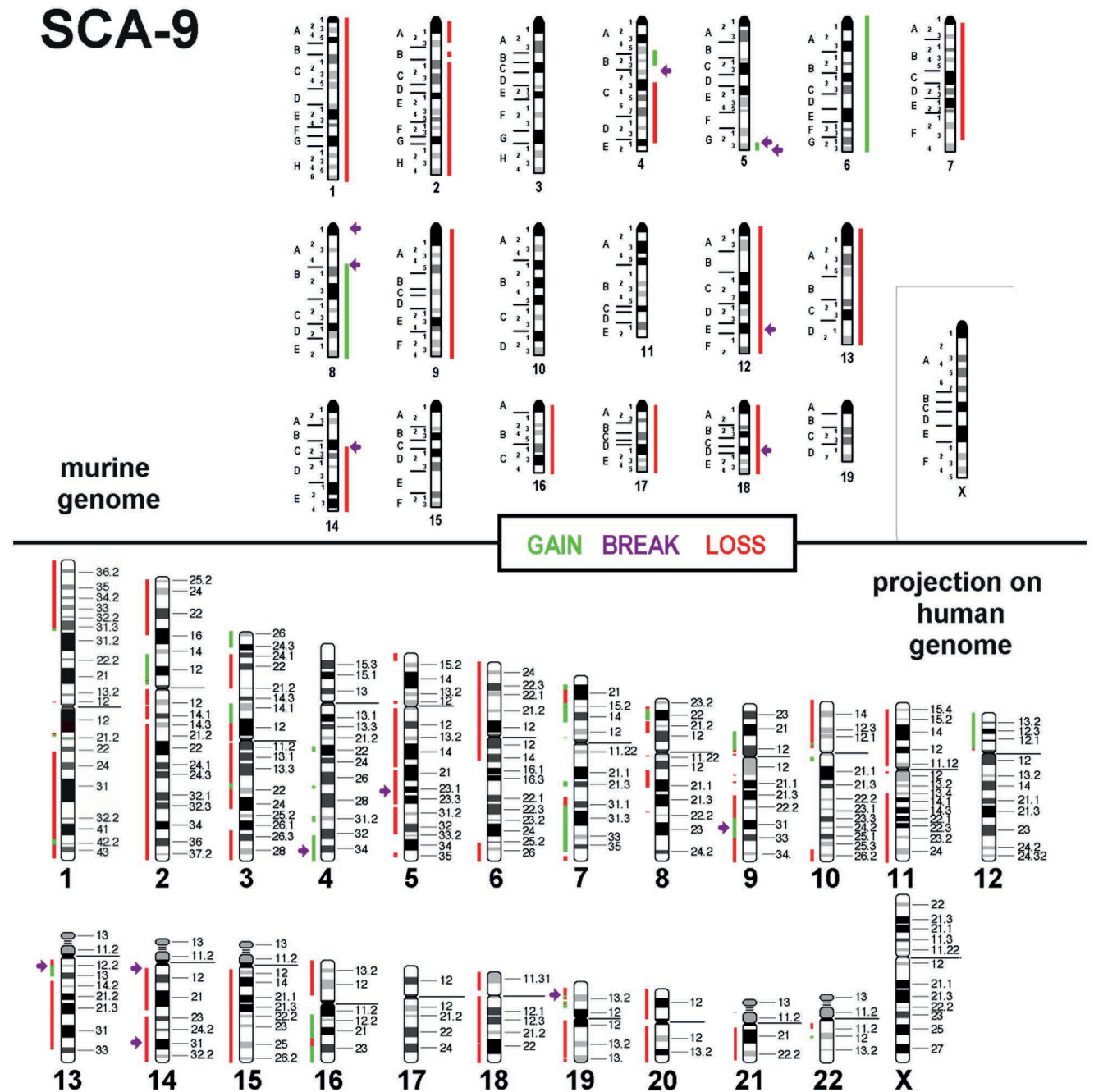
# WR21



**Fig. 3.** Imbalances present in WR21 are summarized with respect to a diploid basic karyotype. Gains are depicted as green bars, losses as red bars. In upper part the results are shown for the murine karyotype and in the lower part the translation to human genome. The dark green labeled region of gain at murine chromosome 4 was not detected in aCGH and also not translated to human karyotype.

Most data from the mFISH and mcb for the WR21 and SCA-9 (Table 1) agreed with the aCGH data; the results are shown in Figs. 3 and 4. Some small deletions in murine chromosome 2 and gains in murine chromosomes 3 and 4 (here 4A4 to 4C4, clearly visible mcb) were missed in aCGH. These results were translated to the human genome in the same figures. For this study, imbalances larger than 3.5 megabase pairs were included in the evaluation.

According to the corresponding homologous regions in the human karyotype, we compared the results for both cell lines (Table 1 and 2) with the imbalances for four (adenoid cystic carcinoma, myoepitheliomas, pleomorphic adenoma and mucoepidermoid) of the most common types of SGCs. The highest concordance was found with SGCs of myoepitheliomas and mucoepidermoid for WR21, and of mucoepidermoid for SCA-9.



**Fig. 4.** Imbalances present in SCA 9 are summarized with respect to a tetraploid basic karyotype. Remainder figure as described in legend for Fig. 3.

## Discussion

Both the low incidence and heterogeneity of pathology in SGCs explain why this tumor is one of the least studied human cancer types (Seethala, 2017). SGCs present a diverse range of histological and clinical characteristics (Sood et al., 2018). In the literature, there is also significant heterogeneity in the aberrant genetic and molecular pathways described contributing to the development of SGCs (Müller, 2013; Yin and Ha, 2016).

The two murine tumor cell lines which we examined, commercially available as model systems for SGCs, were successfully studied using molecular cytogenetics (mFISH, mcb and aCGH) to provide a comprehensive cytogenetic description regarding ploidy, numerical and structural aberrations and tumor-associated breakpoints, as previously done for other murine tumor cell lines (Leibiger et al., 2013; Kubicova et al., 2017; Guja et al., 2017; Rhode et al., 2018).

In our results, clonal changes with few aberrations from the main clone were observed in both cell lines,

even though two small subclones (denominated as 1 and 2a) were characterizable in WR21 besides one mainline (clone 2). As these cell lines were not karyotyped at the time of establishing, nothing can be stated about karyotypic evolution since then. Considering our own previous studies in other, several decades-old cell lines with known original chromosomal content (Leibiger et al., 2013; Kubicova et al., 2017; Guja et al., 2017; Rhode et al., 2018), all of those were surprisingly stable compared to the original description of the chromosome sets.

Overall, WR21 showed clearly a less aberrant karyotype than SCA-9. Compared to most other solid epithelial tumors, SGCs often were correlated with a normal karyotype or small numbers of chromosomal aberrations (Martins et al., 1995; El Naggar et al., 1997; Hungermann et al., 2002; Vekony et al., 2009), and as expected, salivary carcinomas displayed more chromosomal events than benign tumors from this tissue (Vekony et al., 2009). Thus, WR21 may represent a benign or less advanced cell line than SCA-9. This view is also supported by the fact that polyploidization, i.e. a basic tetraploid karyotype, was observed only in SCA-9, while WR21 was diploid with a gain of only three (derivative) chromosomes. This could be related to telomere-driven tetraploidization in the context of tumor progression (Davoli and de Lange, 2012), but could also be just a cell culture effect (Mastromonaco et al., 2006).

Gains of copy number were observed in both studied cell lines; while gains were more frequent than loss for WR21, the data interpretation used for SCA-9 seems to show a loss rather than a gain of copy numbers. However, this is due to the fact that SCA-9 was interpreted as basically tetraploid — so the high frequency of losses as given in Fig. 4 must consider that this cell line has a massive gain of copy numbers along the entire genome, and the summary in Fig. 4 rather highlights the genomic instability of this cell line.

According to the characterization of WR21 and SCA-9, neither cell line is a model for adenoid cystic carcinomas or pleomorphic adenomas, but most likely for mucoepidermoid SGCs (SCA-9, WR21) and/or myoepitheliomas (WR21 — see Tabs. 1–2).

Interestingly, the breakpoint 13D2 observed in WR21 comprises the gene *FGF10* (see suppl. Tab. 1), which has been associated with salivary gland development (Krejci et al., 2009) and breast cancer (Itoh and Ohta, 2014). Maybe this is a hint that this gene also plays a role in SGCs. For SCA-9 similarly a breakpoint in 8A1 could be associated with the gene *ELAVL1*, also called *HUR*, being described as playing a role in salivary metabolism (Palanisamy et al., 2008) and mucoepidermoid SGC (Cho et al., 2007). The latter confirms that SCA-9 is a model for advanced mucoepidermoid SGC. Another breakpoint (12E) including gene *SEL1* plays a role in the salivary glands of Sjögren's syndrome patients (Barrera et al., 2016).

In conclusion, the present study narrowed down the subtypes of two long established murine cancer cell lines to SGCs of mucoepidermoid (SCA-9, WR21) and/or myoepithelioma (WR21) subtypes and identified three oncogenes potentially playing a role in SGC development. *FGF10*, *ELAVL1/HUR* and *SEL1* should be further studied with special attention in SGCs. The chromosomal content of the cells should certainly be controlled before doing extensive further studies, to exclude studying subclones with potentially different and/or advanced karyotypic evolution.

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Supplement 1. Translation of murine to human data for WR21

region	gain	homologue region in human	
		cytoband	position (GRCh37/hg19)
3D-E3	X1	3q25.1-q26.2	3:149055816-167822106
3C	X1	4q27-q31.1	4:122242382-141190230
8A1-E2	X1	19p13.2 13q33.1-q34 8p23.3-p23.2 8p23.2-p23.1 gap 13q14.3 8p11.23-p11.21 8p11.21 8p12 8p23.1 8p23.1-p22 4q32.2-q35.2 8p22-p21.3 19p13.12-p13.11 22q12.3 4q31.1-q31.23 19p13.2-p13.12 16q11.2-q22.1 16q22.1-q24.3 1q42.13-q42.3 10p11.22-p11.21	19:7112183-8071013 13:103533915-115092930 8:591286-5358752 8:5368147-6693649 13:52435459-53211718 8:36716542-42505949 8:42691750-43058925 8:29190466-36677574 8:8108776-9640417 8:12579073-17958954 4:163504024-190884657 8:18227877-20177976 19:16163040-19774937 22:33658332-35953121 4:141251922-150892329 19:12745060-14683008 16:46693273-69976105 16:70109527-90110030 1:229404294-235324774 10:33112469-35152269
9E1-E2	X1	6q13-q14.3	6:74104388-86360515
12F1-F2	X1	No discerption (Gap)	No discerption (Gap)
19A-D	X1	11q12.1-q13.3 9q21.11-q21.31 2q13 9p24.3-p24.1 10q11.23-q21.1	11:57844834-68709722 9:69086307-82777364 2:114171139-114321953 9:51374-6659223 10:51917603-54540082
17E5	X1	18p11.32	18:861722-2534400
region	loss	homologue region in human	
		cytoband	position (GRCh37/hg19)
2C3	X1	2q22.1-q32.1	2:139292421-187530602
region	breakpoint	homologue region in human	
		cytoband	potential tumor associated genes
4C4	inv.	9p22.3~22.2	<i>PSIP1</i>
8A1	t	19p13.2	<i>ADGRE4P</i>
13D2	add	5p12	<i>FGF10</i>

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## Supplement 2. Translation of murine to human data for SCA-9

region	gain	homologue region in human	
		cytoband	position (GRCh37/hg19)
4A5-B3	X1	9q22.33-q33.2 9p13.1-p21.2	9:100037894-123488942 9:27325073-38472099
5G2-G3	X2	13q12.13-q13.2 7q21.1-q21.3	13:26784894-34260463 7:97598308-99229367
6A1-qter	x1	7p21.3-p22.1 7q21.2-q21.3 12p11.21 12p11.21 12p11.22-p13.31 12p13.31-p13.33 12p13.31 12p13.33 10q11.21-q11.22 4q27 4q22.1-q22.3 3p25.2-ptr 3p12.3-p14.1 3q21.3 3p25.1-p25.2 3q21.3-q22.1 2p11.2-p13.3 2p11.2 1p31.1 7p14.3-p15.3 7q31.1-q36.1 7q36.1 22q11.11-q11.21	7:7132996-12536829 7:92745197-97502117 12:30985917-31165338 12:31424829-32537434 12:9901365-30943693 12:2903120-7695890 12:8071763-9214464 12:66113-2823666 10:43277986-46218167 4:121018693-122194687 4:89178698-95273100 3:61304-12897767 3:64017713-75322601 3:125725101-129038484 3:12939278-15163105 3:129094932-129632650 2:68715037-87095119 2:88302422-89174373 1:67631910-68317098 7:23254035-33103246 7:112138919-149583263 7:150032467-150558657 22:17565811-18659740
8A4-E2	X1	4q32.2-qtr 4q31.1-q31.23 16q22.1-q24.3 16q11.2-q22.1 1q42.13-q42.3 10q11.21-q11.22 19p13.11-p13.12 19p13.12-p13.2 22q12.3 8p22-23.1	4:163504024-190884657 4:141251922-150892329 16:70109527-90110030 16:46693273-69976105 1:229404294-235324774 10:33112469-35152269 19:16163040-19774937 19:12745060-14683008 22:33658332-35953121 8:12579073-17958954
region	loss	homologue region in human	
		cytoband	position (GRCh37/hg19)
1A2-H6	x1	8q11.21-q12.1 8q13.1-q21.11 6p12.3-p12.2 6q11-q13 6p12.1-p11.2 2q14.3-q21.1 2q11.2-q12.2 13q33.1 2q32.1-q32.2 2q32.2-q37.3 5q21.1 18q21.32-q22.1 2q14.3 2q14.1-q14.3 2q21.2-q22.1 1q32.1-q32.2 1q21.1 1p11.2 1q23.1-q32.1 Yq11.23 1q43-q44 4q26 1q32.2-q42.13	8:50767106-56535248 8:67336477-76107163 6:49796129-52568703 6:61967179-73920868 6:56223874-58686221 2:128848553-131914911 2:97151065-106819719 13:103237605-103533914 2:189007277-190504466 2:190506076-242812118 5:98439740-102728411 18:58351903-65328593 2:122585948-126347698 2:114436107-122578025 2:133138389-138607743 1:206075775-207534964 1:143881371-144095755 1:120754434-120887322 1:158516903-205922697 Y:28358518-28544030 1:240253393-247125743 4:119339188-119512723 1:207575939-227644727

2A1–A3	X1	10q12.1–q15	10:5915452-27157072
2B	X4	2q22.1–q32.1	2:140065297-188395329
2C1–H4	X1	20p13–p11.21 20p13 20q11.21–q13.32 20q13.32–q13.33 15q13.3–q21.2 11q12.1 11q11 11p11.12 11p14.2–p11.2 2q11.1–q11.2 2q13 2p11.2 2q13	20:1736101-25606620 20:102147-1447942 20:29933153-58056214 20:58148222-62907435 15:32906987-51298173 11:56082416-57753858 11:55080583-55323018 11:51377850-51539057 11:26296397-48658712 2:95642277-97040617 2:111483204-112960231 2:87345633-87996071 2:112973390-113650007
4C5–E1	X1	1p32.1–p31.3 1p36.33–p32.2~1	1:59120351-67562260 1:894315-59012766
7A1–F3	X1	19q13.42–q13.43 19q13.43 19q13.31–q13.33 19q12–q13.31 19q12 19q13.33–q13.41 16p13.11 11p15.1–p14.3 15q11.2 15q11.2–q13.1 15q13.1–q13.3 15q26.3 15q26.1–q26.3 15q25.3–q26.1 15q25.1–q25.3 11p11.12 11q13.4–q14.3 10p11.21 11p15.4–p15.1 16p13.11 16p13.11–p12.3 16p12.3–p12.2 16p12.2–p11.2 16p11.2 16p11.2	19:54368915-57485284 19:58523795-59089552 19:45010010-48707700 19:30093064-44860951 19:28589680-30085362 19:48800017-51921957 16:16252815-16388674 11:17403485-25251145 15:22833222-23086601 15:23914751-28586067 15:29107424-32578594 15:99080385-102265870 15:91593058-99078056 15:85829657-91565912 15:80253398-85682414 11:49250334-49827246 11:71627032-89350901 10:37191655-37402201 11:3631069-17360027 16:15260325-15369270 16:16681590-18325190 16:18608156-21351663 16:21572755-28339524 16:28390845-29030948 16:29661006-31520748
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12A1–E	X2	2p25.1–p23.3 2p25.1 2p25.1 2p25.3–p25.1 7q22.3–q31.1 7p21.3–p21.1 7q31.1 14q12–q22.1	2:10303009-26361943 2:9354723-9994801 2:9996101-10284917 2:140908-9278318 7:105210238-107772185 7:12561752-19748810 7:107772206-112136146 14:25157192-52251174
12E–F1	X1	14q23.1–q32.33	14:58666612-106375879
12F1–F2	X2	7q36.3 7p21.1–p15.3	7:157225645-158937901 7:19761201-22528893



13A1-qter	X1	10p15.3-p15.1 1q42.3-q43 7p14.2-p13 6p22.3-p22.1 6p25.3-p23 6p23-p22.3 9q22.1-q22.32 5q35.2-q35.3 5q31.1-q31.2 9q21.32-q21.33 9q22.32-q22.33 9p13.1 9q12-q13 9p11.2 8q22.1 5p15.33-p15.31 5q14.3-q15 5q13.2-q14.3 5q11.1-q13.2 1p11.2 5p12	10:138698-5865622 1:235330060-240084659 7:36524506-43605930 6:20065223-28502803 6:181261-15099150 6:15104709-20060798 9:91031851-97067712 5:173750964-177039611 5:134073478-137090938 9:86231955-90340399 9:97320957-99417669 9:38810965-40707569 9:65585614-65901647 9:43623473-43941731 8:97247028-97373828 5:191425-7935441 5:84566270-96144383 5:70265557-84371909 5:49569996-68922426 1:121149401-121350677 5:43446298-46118514
14C1-E5	X2	14q22.1-q23.1 14q11.2-q12 14q12 13q12.12 13q12.11 13q14.2 13q12.13 13q12.12 13q14.2-q14.3 8p23.1 8p21.3-p12 13q14.11-q14.2 13q14.3-q33.1	14:52688635-58629894 14:20211286-24987352 14:25040539-25149959 13:25188452-25511922 13:20207279-23370461 13:49821990-50161404 13:25685086-26668986 13:23853398-24896355 13:50192169-52356487 8:9744629-11737304 8:20206584-29151199 13:41469941-49799059 13:53226033-103089581
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17A1-E5	X1	6q27 6q25.3-q27 6q27 5q15-q21.1 16p13.3 5q35.1 6p21.32-p21.2 21q22.3 19p13.12 19p13.2 6p22.1-p21.32 6p21.2-p12.3 3p25.1-p24.3 2q12.2-q12.3 19p13.3 5q21.1-q22.1 18p11.32-p11.22 2p23.2-p16.3 2p16.3-p16.2 18p11.32	6:167120855-167552070 6:160103032-166797236 6:167859539-170893754 5:96202316-98405239 16:222880-3208490 5:171946752-172722349 6:33359177-39058058 21:43490502-45122943 19:15270296-15808207 19:8366687-8811037 6:29322703-33297218 6:39266498-49681826 3:16307846-20231899 2:107383985-108798215 19:4229082-6862967 5:102759315-110063021 18:2534401-9972541 2:29033520-51699597 2:51709987-53282184 18:861722-2534400

18A1–D3	X1	10p11.21 10p12.1-p11.22 10p12.1 10p11.21 18p11.32 18q11.1-q12.3 2q14.3 5q22.1-q22.2 5q31.2-q32 5q22.2-q23.3	10:35284099-35521818 10:28950711-32678701 10:27747786-28722506 10:35676708-37094546 18:112543-599224 18:18528605-41073893 2:127805408-128786667 5:110280120-112296881 5:137225085-147624774 5:112310736-130339352
18D3-qter	X2	5q32-q33.1 18p11.22-p11.21 18q21.31-q21.32 18p11.21 18q12.3-q21.31 18q22.1-q23	5:147647374-150177176 18:10202644-11518916 18:54267924-58201586 18:11649353-13871680 18:41355914-54244819 18:66339761-78010601
region	breakpoint	homologue region in human	
		cytoband	potential tumor associated genes
4C1	del	9q31.3	<i>AKAP2 / C9orf84</i>
5G3	dup, inv	7q21.3	<i>ASNS / BAIAP2L1</i>
5G2	dup	7q21.3	<i>ASNS / BAIAP2L1</i>
8A1	t	19p13.2	<i>ELAVL1</i> also called <i>HUR / FCER2</i>
8B1	t	4q34.2	<i>ASB5</i>
12E	t	14q31.1	<i>SEL1L / TSHR</i>
14C1	t	14q22.2	<i>CGRRF1 / CNIH1 / GCH1 / GMFB</i>
18D	t	5q23.1	<i>LOX / FTMT</i>