

Identification of stem cells as the cellular basis of prostate cancer provides therapeutic potential

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Technology description

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Application area

Diagnosis of prostate cancer and prostate cancer risk

Potential target for the development of therapeutics for prostate cancer

Basis of in vitro high throughput assays for drug and biomarker development

Advantages

Previously unidentified stem cell type in prostate endothelium

Stem cell type is physiologically relevant to human prostate cancer

Exhibits oncogenic properties faithful to disease phenotype

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