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# A malignant oligarchy: progenitors govern the behavior of oligodendrogliomas.

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### Abstract

Recent studies have suggested that brain tumors arise from neural stem cells and are maintained by stem-like tumor-initiating cells (TICs). In this issue of *Cancer Cell*, Persson et al. report that oligodendrogliomas, unlike malignant astrocytomas, originate from-and are propagated by-cells that resemble oligodendrocyte progenitors.

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