

## **New regulators of blood vessel growth**

Ludwig scientists working in Sarah De Val's group have discovered that MEF2 transcription factors are crucial regulators of sprouting angiogenesis – the process by which new blood vessels form from existing ones. Their *Genes and Development* paper shows that MEF2 factors control transcription downstream of vascular endothelial growth factor (VEGF) signalling. VEGF signalling is often targeted in anti-angiogenic cancer therapy.