Supplemental Figures:

- **Fig. S1**: Immunohistochemistry of ErbB2 (A, C), Cyclin D1 (E, G), and pAkt (I, K) in mammary glands of MMTV-neu MMTV-Cre $Jak2^{fl/fl}$ mice (C, D, G, H, K, L) and MMTV-neu $Jak2^{fl/fl}$ control females (A, B, E, F, I, J) at day 11.5 of pregnancy. Panels B, D, F, H, J, and L show serial sections that were stained without the corresponding primary antibodies. All slides were counterstained with hematoxylin (bar, 50 µm). Arrows and asterisks in panels A, E, and I indicate epithelial cells within developing alveoli and mammary ducts, respectively.
- Fig. S2: The reproductive state modulates the onset of Her2/neu-associated mammary cancer in wildtype controls but not females lacking Jak2. A. Kaplan-Meier survival curve (left panel) and mean age of onset of palpable tumors (right panel) in ErbB2/Neu-expressing females that lack Jak2 in alveolar progenitors of primiparous (i.e. single pregnancy; white circles, n=18) and multiparous (black circles, n=9) MMTV-neu WAP-Cre Jak2^{fl/fl} females; p-value, t-test.
 B. Kaplan-Meier survival curve (left panel) and mean age of onset of palpable tumors (right panel) in primiparous (white squares, n=9) and multiparous (black squares, n=9) MMTV-neu Jak2^{fl/fl} control females; p-value, t-test.
- Fig. S3: Histological analysis of Her2/neu-expressing mammary cancer cells lacking Jak2 and their Jak2-expressing isogenic controls. A. Hematoxylin/Eosin (H&E) staining (upper panels) and immunohistochemistry against Ki67 as cellular marker for proliferation (lower panels; bar, 200 μ m); arrows indicate mitotic figures. B. Quantitative analysis of Ki67-positive cells. C. Quantitative analysis of cell density (mean and \pm S.D) within a defined

area. More than one thousand cells were counted in several randomly selected areas of histological sections; p-value, t-test.

- **Fig. S4**: The PRL-induced activation of Stat5 and expression of Cyclin D1 in Her2/neuassociated mammary cancer cells lacking Jak2 (*Jak2^{-/-}*) and their Jak2-expressing isogenic controls (*Jak2^{fl/fl}*) in an orthotopic transplant model. **A**. Immunochistochemistry against the phosphorylated form of Stat5. Slides were counterstained with hematoxylin (bar, 200 µm). **B**. Western blot analysis to assess the expression of Cyclin D1 in individual mammary tumors that lack Jak2 (right panel) and their controls (left panel). β-Actin (ActB) served as loading control.
- Fig. S5: Expression of Cyclin D1 in individual clones of Her2-associated mammary cancer cells expressing the Janus kinase 2 (*Jak2^{fl/fl}*) and their derived subclones lacking Jak2 (*Jak2^{-/-}*). A. PCR assay to verify the Cre-mediated deletion of *Jak2* from individual subclones. The parental Jak2-expressing clones (T1a/b T2a/b) were generated from two primary mammary cancers (T1, T2) of different females. B. Western blot analysis to assess the expression of Jak2 and Cyclin D1 in individual clones lacking Jak2 and their Jak2-expressing parental cells. β-Actin (ActB) served as loading control.
- Fig. S6: Biochemical and cytological analysis of mammary tumors derived from orthotopically transplanted mammary cancer cells that express Jak2 in a doxycycline (Dox)-regulated manner (tet-off system, i.e. Dox administration results in repression of the Jak2 target gene).
 A. IP/western blot analysis to assess the downregulated expression of exogenous, myc-

tagged Jak2 in individual mammary tumors from Dox-treated recipient females and their untreated controls. Note that some Jak2 protein was still present in tumors from Dox-treated animals despite the absence of myc-tagged exogenous Jak2. The residual expression of Jak2 in these tumors may originate from blood vessels and stromal cells of the wildtype hosts (see PCR results in Fig. 5B). **B**. Quantitative analysis of the cell density (left panel; mean and \pm S.D) as well as Ki67-positive cells (right panel) within a defined area of histological sections from tumors derived from Dox-treated recipients and their untreated controls. More than one thousand cells were counted in several randomly selected areas of histological sections. **C**. Western blot analysis to assess the expression of Cyclin D1 in individual mammary tumors that lack Jak2 (Dox) and their controls. β -Actin (ActB) served as loading control.



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