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Highlights

- We derive a nonlocal 1D model for the dynamics of cancer cells under the influence of TGF- β
- Increase in cell-cell adhesion leads to the formation of fewer but larger cell aggregations
- The role of TGF- β on the loss of cell-cell adhesion and on tumour growth can explain the formation of distant small cell aggregations
- The TGF- β parameter with greatest effect on tumour spread is the production rate by tumour cells

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