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Craig C. Davis, Luciana C. Marti, Gregory D. Sempowski, Durairaj A. Jeyaraj, and Paul Szabolcs

**Précis:** Findings describe a novel method to generate an immunotherapy product from cord blood transplant grafts that can be frozen, thawed, and infused any time after transplant to boost immunity, helping to reduce the risk of infections, or can be further manipulated to elicit antileukemia activity.

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**Increased Immunogenicity of Tumor-Associated Antigen, Mucin 1, Engineered to Express α-Gal Epitopes: A Novel Approach to Immunotherapy in Pancreatic Cancer**

Takashi Deguchi, Masahiro Tanemura, Eiji Miyoshi, Hiroaki Nagano, Tomohiko Machida, Yoshiaki Ohmura, Shogo Kobayashi, Shigeru Marubashi, Hitotoshi Eguchi, Yutaka Takeda, Toshinori Ito, Masaki Mori, Yuichiro Doki, and Yoshiki Sawa

**Précis:** A straightforward peptid-based immunotherapy leveraged by an intriguing stimulatory approach, using α-gal epitopes may help overcome immune suppressive barriers erected by cancers, increasing efficacy.

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Seth B. Coffelt, Andrea O. Tal, Alexander Scholz, Michele De Palma, Sunil Patel, Carmen Urbich, Subhra K. Biswas, Craig Murdoch, Karl H. Plate, Yvonne Reiss, and Claire E. Lewis

**Précis:** Findings show that a tumor-derived cytokine, angiopoietin-2, stimulates the tumor-promoting functions of a subset of circulating monocytes that drive tumor angiogenesis.

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**Periostin, a Cell Adhesion Molecule, Facilitates Invasion in the Tumor Microenvironment and Annotates a Novel Tumor-Invasive Signature in Esophageal Cancer**

Carmen Z. Michaylira, Gabrielle S. Wong, Charles G. Miller, Christie M. Gutierrez, Hiroshi Nakagawa, Rachel Hammond, Andres J. Klein-Szanto, Ju-Seog Lee, Sang Bae Kim, Meenhard Herlyn, J. Alan Diehl, Phyllis Gimotty, and Anil K. Rustgi

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Anastasia Z. Kalea, Fiona See, Evis Harja, Maria Arriero, Ann Marie Schmidt, and Barry I. Hudson

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**ABOUT THE COVER**

RG7204 (PLX4032) is a small molecule inhibitor that selectively blocks the activity of oncogenic BRAFV600E kinase. The BRAFV600E mutation is common in several human cancers, with especially high prevalence in melanoma. In the present study, Yang and colleagues describe the effect of RG7204 on tumor cells. RG7204 suppresses ERK activation and cellular proliferation in tumor cells with BRAFV600E but not in cells expressing only wild-type BRAF. Significantly, RG7204 treatment caused partial or complete tumor regressions and improved survival of animals bearing BRAFV600E tumors, demonstrating potent antitumor activity. These preclinical efficacy data generated in several melanoma xenograft models have foreshadowed the clinical results observed in a multi-center Phase I trial that has been enriched with metastatic melanoma patients testing positive for the BRAFV600E mutation. For details, see the article by Yang and colleagues on page 5518 of this issue.