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Précis: Findings suggest the possibility of a mechanism-based, serum-based diagnostic assay for detecting pancreatic cancer.
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.

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.

Angiopoietin-2 Regulates Gene Expression in TIE2-Expressing Monocytes and Augments Their Inherent Proangiogenic Functions
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.

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, Ja-Seog Lee, Sang Bae Kim, Menhard Herlyn, J. Alan Diehl, Phyllis Gimotty, and Anil K. Rustgi

Précis: Findings illustrate the utility of organotypic cultures to discover invasion markers and other novel biological effectors in cancer.

Targeted Activation of RNA Helicase Retinoic Acid–Inducible Gene-1 Induces Proimmunogenic Apoptosis of Human Ovarian Cancer Cells
Kirsten Kübler, Nadine Gehrke, Soheila Riemann, Volker Böhner, Thomas Zillinger, Evelyn Hartmann, Martin Pölscher, Christian Rudloffski, Walther Kuhn, Gunther Hartmann, and Winfried Barchet

Précis: Findings suggest that mimicking the conditions of viral infection in cancer promotes pro-immunogenic cell death, and may help to overcome barriers to effective immunotherapy.

The Phosphoinositide 3-Kinase Regulatory Subunit p85α Can Exert Tumor Suppressor Properties through Negative Regulation of Growth Factor Signaling

Précis: Genetic deficiency in a PI3K regulatory subunit elevates cancer incidence and progression establishing a functional role in tumor suppression.

HPV16 E2 Is an Immediate Early Marker of Viral Infection, Preceding E7 Expression in Precursor Structures of Cervical Carcinoma
Yuezhen Xue, Sophie Bellanger, Wenying Zhang, Diana Lim, Jeffrey Low, Declan Lunney, and Françoise Thierry

Précis: Staining of the HPV E2 protein in clinical samples may provide an easy route for early detection of HPV infection, helping to control carcinogenic progression.

Wnt Inhibitor Dickkopf-1 as a Target for Passive Cancer Immunotherapy
Nagato Sato, Takumi Yamabuki, Atsushi Takano, Junkichi Koimura, Masato Arakaki, Ken Masuda, Nobuhisa Ishikawa, Nobuo Kohn, Hiroaki Ito, Masaki Miyamoto, Haruhiko Nakayama, Yohei Miyagi, Eiju Tsuchiya, Satoshi Kondo, Yusuke Nakamura, and Yataro Daigo

Précis: Functional evidence is offered for a novel biomarker and therapeutic target that may be relevant to many human cancers.
Phosphorylation and Activation of Cell Division Cycle Associated 5 by Mitogen-Activated Protein Kinase Play a Crucial Role in Human Lung Carcinogenesis

Minh-Hue Nguyen, Junkichi Koinuma, Koji Ueda, Tomoo Ito, Eiji Tsuchiya, Yusuke Nakamura, and Yataro Daigo

Précis: Findings offer a mechanistic rationale for a new approach for lung cancer treatment with small molecule inhibitors of the ERK kinase-substrate pathway that is aberrantly activated in lung cancer cells.

Altered Dynamics of Intestinal Cell Maturation in Apc1638N/+ Mice

Donghai Wang, Rossanna C. Pezo, Georgia Corner, Cristina Sison, Martin L. Lesser, Shailesh M. Shenoy, John M. Mariadason, Robert H. Singer, and Leonard H. Augenlicht

Précis: In situ imaging of transcription sites in single intestinal cells along villi reveal that key pathways of transcriptional control are far more dynamic than previously appreciated in maintaining tissue homeostasis and organization that are disrupted during tumorigenesis.

Taspase1 Functions as a Non-Oncogene Addiction Protease that Coordinates Cancer Cell Proliferation and Apoptosis

David Y. Chen, Han Liu, Shugaku Takeda, Ho-Chou Tu, Satoru Sasagawa, Brian A. Van Tine, Dongsi Lu, Emily H-Y. Cheng, and James J-D. Hsieh

Précis: Findings rationalize therapeutic interest in developing inhibitors of a druggable protease that may have a selective role in supporting cancer cell proliferation and survival.

ADAM17 Regulates Epidermal Growth Factor Receptor Expression through the Activation of Notch1 in Non–Small Cell Lung Cancer


High-Mobility Group A1 Proteins Regulate p53-Mediated Transcription of Bel-2 Gene

Francesco Esposito, Mara Tornincasa, Paolo Chieffi, Ivana De Martino, Giovanna Maria Pierantoni, and Alfredo Fusco

Précis: Findings identify a potentially important, broad acting new mechanism of anti-apoptosis in cancer.
Interaction between Adiponectin and Leptin Influences the Risk of Colorectal Adenoma
Taiki Yamaji, Motoki Iwasaki, Shizuka Sasazuki, and Shoichiro Tsugane

Précis: Findings offer the first epidemiological evidence for the role of two important adipokines in the early stage of colorectal tumorigenesis, distinct from their involvement in insulin resistance.

Essential Requirement for PP2A Inhibition by the Oncogenic Receptor c-KIT Suggests PP2A Reactivation as a Strategy to Treat c-KIT+ Cancers
Kathryn G. Roberts, Amanda M. Smith, Fiona McDougall, Helen Carpenter, Martin Horan, Paolo Neviani, Jason A. Powell, Daniel Thomas, Mark A. Guthridge, Danilo Perrotti, Alistair T.R. Sim, Leonie K. Ashman, and Nicole M. Verrills

Précis: Findings suggest activation of an anti-oncogenic protein phosphatase as a strategy to treat drug-resistant cancers driven by the c-KIT oncogene.

Halogenated Benzimidazole Carboxamides Target Integrin α4β1 on T-Cell and B-Cell Lymphomas
Richard D. Carpenter, Arutselvan Natarajan, Edmond Y. Lau, Mirela Andrei, Danielle M. Solano, Felice C. Lightstone, Sally J. DeNardo, Kit S. Lam, and Mark J. Kurth

Précis: Novel molecular tools are described to improve structural understanding of an integrin target that may be useful to broadly attack lymphomas.

PTEN Loss Compromises Homologous Recombination Repair in Astrocytes: Implications for Glioblastoma Therapy with Temozolomide or Poly(ADP-Ribose) Polymerase Inhibitors
Brian McEllin, Cristel V. Camacho, Bipasha Mukherjee, Brandon Hahm, Nozumi Tomimatsu, Robert M. Bachoo, and Sandeep Burma

Précis: Findings establish a mechanistic rationale to treat PTEN-deficient tumors with PARP inhibitors presently in clinical development, possibly expanding the scope of their application beyond merely BRCA1/2-deficient tumors.

Synthetic Lethality through Combined Notch–Epidermal Growth Factor Receptor Pathway Inhibition in Basal-Like Breast Cancer
Yiyu Dong, Aimin Li, Jianbo Wang, Jason D. Weber, and Loren S. Michel

Précis: Preclinical findings define and establish the rationale for combining Notch and EGFR inhibition as a combinatorial therapy to treat aggressive basal-like breast cancers that are difficult to manage clinically.

FOXO1A Is a Target for HER2-Overexpressing Breast Tumors
Yanyuan Wu, Xiying Shang, Marianna Sarkissyan, Dennis Slamon, and Jaydutt V. Vadgama

Précis: Findings describe a potentially important mechanism by which HER2-overexpressing breast cancers become resistant to the anti-HER2 therapeutic agent trastuzumab (Herceptin).

High Levels of Nrf2 Determine Chemoresistance in Type II Endometrial Cancer
Tao Jiang, Ning Chen, Poi Zhao, Xiao-Jun Wang, Beihua Kong, Wexin Zheng, and Donna D. Zhang

Précis: Findings rationalize a broadly applicable approach to increase the efficacy of chemotherapeutic drugs and to combat chemoresistance.

Development of Human Single-Chain Antibodies to the Transferrin Receptor that Effectively Antagonize the Growth of Leukemias and Lymphomas
Ronan Crépin, Anne-Laure Goenaga, Betsy Jullienne, Houcine Bougherara, Christine Legay, Karim Benihoud, James D. Marks, and Marie-Alix Poul

Précis: Findings describe a new type of fully human antibody that is effective for immunotherapy of iron-dependent tumors.

The Phosphoinositide 3-Kinase Inhibitor PI-103 Downregulates Choline Kinase α Leading to Phosphocholine and Total Choline Decrease Detected by Magnetic Resonance Spectroscopy
Nada M.S. Al-Saffar, L. Elizabeth Jackson, Florence I. Raynaud, Paul A. Clarke, Ana Ramírez de Molina, Juan C. Lacal, Paul Workman, and Martin O. Leach

Précis: Findings describe a noninvasive method to monitor the pharmacodynamics of PI3K inhibitors that are currently in early stage clinical trials.
5518 \ RG7204 (PLX4032), a Selective BRAFV600E Inhibitor, Displays Potent Antitumor Activity in Preclinical Melanoma Models
Hong Yang, Brian Higgins, Kenneth Kolinsky, Kathryn Packman, Zenaida Go, Raman Iyer, Stanley Kolis, Sylvia Zhao, Richard Lee, Joseph F. Grippo, Kathleen Schostack, Mary Ellen Simcox, David Heimbrook, Gideon Bollag, and Fei Su

Précis: Striking first report of the preclinical efficacy of a mutant Raf kinase-specific inhibitor augurs promise for its ongoing clinical development.

TUMOR AND STEM CELL BIOLOGY

5528 \ The Polycomb Group Protein Bmi-1 Is Essential for the Growth of Multiple Myeloma Cells
Zainab Jagani, Dmitri Wiederschain, Alice Loo, Dan He, Rebecca Mosher, Paul Fordjour, John Monahan, Michael Morrissey, Yung-Mae Yao, Christoph Lengauer, Markus Warmuth, William R. Sellers, and Marion Dorsch

Précis: An oncogenic Polycomb group protein found to be a critical driver in multiple myelomas, one of the most deadly blood cancers.

5539 \ Effects of Ionizing Radiation on Self-Renewal and Pluripotency of Human Embryonic Stem Cells
Kitchener D. Wilson, Ning Sun, Mei Huang, Wendy Y. Zhang, Andrew S. Lee, Zongjin Li, Shan X. Wang, and Joseph C. Wu

Précis: Human embryonic stem cells maintain their tumorigenic potential even after significant ionizing radiation exposures.

5549 \ A Mouse Model of Melanoma Driven by Oncogenic KRAS
Carla Milagre, Nathalie Dhomen, Felipe C. Geyer, Robert Hayward, Maryou Lambros, Jorge S. Reis-Filho, and Richard Marais

Précis: Mouse model findings offer evidence that KRAS activation may be a founder event in melanoma.

5558 \ Shedding of RANKL by Tumor-Associated MT1-MMP Activates Src-Dependent Prostate Cancer Cell Migration
Aaron L. Sabbota, Hyeong-Reh Choi Kim, Xiaoning Zhe, Rafael Fridman, R. Daniel Bonfil, and Michael L. Cher

Précis: Findings establish a mechanism of prostate cancer cell invasion that is enhanced by a protease-directed autocrine loop amenable to therapeutic attack.

5567 \ Extracellular Protease ADAMTS9 Suppresses Esophageal and Nasopharyngeal Carcinoma Tumor Formation by Inhibiting Angiogenesis

Précis: Tumor suppressive effects of an extracellular protease implicated in aerodigestive cancers are mediated by anti-angiogenic effects.

5577 \ Frequent Attenuation of the WWOX Tumor Suppressor in Osteosarcoma Is Associated with Increased Tumorigenicity and Aberrant RUNX2 Expression
Kyle C. Kurek, Sara Del Mare, Zaidoun Salah, Suhaib Abdeen, Hussain Sadiq, Suk-hee Lee, Eugenio Gaudio, Nicola Zanesi, Kevin B. Jones, Barry DeYoung, Gail Amir, Mark Gebhardt, Matthew Warman, Gary S. Stein, Janet L. Stein, Jane B. Lian, and Rami I. Aqeilan

Précis: Findings establish the pathobiological significance of a suspected tumor suppressor in human osteosarcoma, a very aggressive bone cancer, with potential prognostic and therapeutic implications.

5587 \ Compensatory Upregulation of Tyrosine Kinase Etk/BMX in Response to Androgen Deprivation Promotes Castration-Resistant Growth of Prostate Cancer Cells
Bojie Dai, Hege Chen, Shengjie Guo, Xi Yang, Douglas E. Linn, Feng Sun, Wei Li, Zhiyong Guo, Kexin Xu, Oekyung Kim, Xiangtian Kong, Jonathan Melamed, Shaopeng Qiu, Hegang Chen, and Yun Qiu

Précis: Findings identify a compensatory mechanism activated in prostate after androgen ablation, apparently contributing to androgen resistance.

5597 \ Inhibition of the Sodium-Potassium-Chloride Cotransporter Isoform-1 Reduces Glioma Invasion
Brian R. Haas and Harald Sontheimer

Précis: Findings rationalize an immediate opportunity to reposition a drug presently used for non-cancer indications as a treatment for primary brain tumors.
**CORRECTIONS**

5639 Correction: Intratumoral Delivery and Suppression of Prostate Tumor Growth by Attenuated *Salmonella enterica* serovar *typhimurium* Carrying Plasmid-Based Small InterferingRNAs

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**ABOUT THE COVER**

RG7204 (PLX4032) is a small molecule inhibitor that selectively blocks the activity of oncogenic BRAF*V600E* kinase. The BRAF*V600E* 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 BRAF*V600E* but not in cells expressing only wild-type BRAF. Significantly, RG7204 treatment caused partial or complete tumor regressions and improved survival of animals bearing BRAF*V600E* 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 BRAF*V600E* mutation. For details, see the article by Yang and colleagues on page 5518 of this issue.