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6109 | Monitoring of Natural Killer Cell Immunotherapy Using Noninvasive Imaging Modalities
Priyanka Jha, Daniel Golovko, Sukhmine Bains, Daniel Hostetter, Reinhard Meier, Michael F. Wendland, and Heike E. Daldrup-Link

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Rod Bremner and Eldad Zacksenhaus

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6119 | A Novel Imaging Approach for Early Detection of Prostate Cancer Based on Endogenous Zinc Sensing
Subrata K. Ghosh, Pilhan Kim, Xiao-an Zhang, Seok-Hyun Yun, Anna Moore, Stephen J. Lippard, and Zdravka Medarova

MICROENVIRONMENT AND IMMUNOLOGY

6139 | Gr-1+CD11b+Myeloid Cells Tip the Balance of Immune Protection to Tumor Promotion in the Premetastatic Lung
Hamnah H. Yan, Michael Pickup, Yanli Pang, Agnieszka E. Gorska, Zhao Yang Li, Anna Chytil, Yipeng Geng, Jerome W. Gray, Harold L. Moses, and Li Yang

6150 | Receptor Activator of NF-κB Ligand Enhances Breast Cancer–Induced Osteolytic Lesions through Upregulation of Extracellular Matrix Metalloproteinase Inducer/CD147
Nadia Rucci, Danilo Millimaggi, Marianna Mari, Andrea Del Fattore, Mauro Bologna, Anna Teti, Adriano Angelucci, and Vincenza Dolo

Précis: This paper illustrates how differences in zinc levels in normal and cancerous prostates can be exploited for purposes of non-invasive imaging, with the potential for rapid clinical translation.

Précis: This study describes a microfluidic imaging technology that can enhance pathological analysis of tumor biopsies.

Précis: This paper reports findings that promote the concept that blocking the activity of myeloid derived suppressor cells could normalize the pre-metastatic lung environment, strengthening immune surveillance that prevents metastasis.

Précis: A cancer cell surface molecule plays a critical role in supporting breast cancer metastasis to bone, validating a target for therapeutic blockade of this process.
Antigen-Experienced CD4+ T Cells Limit Naïve T-Cell Priming in Response to Therapeutic Vaccination

In vivo
Chris Schiering, Jlenia Guarnerio, Veronica Basso, Luca Muzio, and Anna Mondino

Précis: Results emphasize limitations imposed by tumor-primed CD4+ T lymphocytes that block the ability of cancer vaccines to generate immunogenicity.

Antiangiogenic Agents Can Increase Lymphocyte Infiltration into Tumor and Enhance the Effectiveness of Adoptive Immunotherapy of Cancer

Rajeev K. Shrimlal, Zhiya Yu, Marc R. Theoret, Dhanalakshmi Chinnasamy, Nicholas P. Restifo, and Steven A. Rosenberg

Précis: Findings rationalize testing of a combination of antiangiogenic agents with cell transfer immunotherapies in clinical oncology trials.

Single-Cell Analysis of T-Cell Receptor Repertoire of HTLV-1 Tax-Specific Cytotoxic T Cells in Allogeneic Transplant Recipients with Adult T-Cell Leukemia/Lymphoma

Yukie Tanaka, Hideki Nakasone, Rie Yamazaki, Ken Sato, Miki Sato, Aki Tanihara, Junji Nishida, Toshiaki Yoshikawa, Tetsuya Nakatsura, Haruo Sugiyama, and Yoshinobu Kanda

Précis: This study suggests a basis to understand the efficacy of allogeneic hematopoietic stem cell transplantation as a treatment for HTLV-1-associated T cell leukemia.

The ITK-SYK Fusion Oncogene Induces a T-Cell Lymphoproliferative Disease in Mice Mimicking Human Disease

Christine Dierks, Francisco Adrian, Paul Fisch, Hong Ma, Helga Maurer, Dieter Hrenchenbach, Christine Ulrike Forster, Clara Sprissler, Guoxun Liu, Sabine Rottmann, Gui-Rong Guo, Zirlik Katja, Hendrik Veelken, and Markus Warmuth

Précis: Findings argue that Syk kinase fusions present in peripheral T-cell lymphomas might be effective therapeutic targets.

FOXO3 Encodes a Carcinogen-Activated Transcription Factor Frequently Deleted in Early-Stage Lung Adenocarcinoma

Oliver R. Mikse, Daniel C. Blake, Jr., Nathan R. Jones, Yaan-Wan Sun, Shantu Amin, Carla J. Gallagher, Philip Lazarus, Judith Weisz, and Christopher R. Herzog

Précis: Findings identify deletions of a suspected tumor suppressor gene in the setting of lung adenocarcinoma.

Tumor Cells Secrete Galectin-1 to Enhance Endothelial Cell Activity

Victor L. Thijssen, Batya Barkan, Hiroki Shoji, Ingrid M. Aries, Véronique Mathieu, Louise Deltour, Tilman M. Hackeng, Robert Kiss, Yoel Kloog, Françoise Poirier, and Arjan W. Griffioen

Précis: This study identifies a novel angiogenic growth factor function for galectin-1 opening a new window for angiotropic cancer therapy.

Joint Loss of PAX2 and PTEN Expression in Endometrial Precancers and Cancer

Nicolas M. Monte, Kaitlyn A. Webster, Donna Neuberg, Gregory W. Dressler, and George L. Mutter

Précis: Combined loss of a tumor suppressor and a differentiation factor may drive the majority of sporadic endometrial cancers.

Met Receptor Sequence Variants R970C and T992I Lack Transforming Capacity

Jeffrey W. Tyner, Luke B. Fletcher, Ellen Q. Wang, Wayne F. Yang, Michael L. Rutenberg-Schoenberg, Carol Beadling, Motomi Mori, Michael C. Heinrich, Michael W. Deininger, Brian J. Druker, and Marc M. Loriaux

Précis: Findings illustrate the importance of distinguishing oncogenic mutations from normal polymorphisms in tumor cells before an oncogene-targeted drug strategy is justified.

Circadian Rhythm of Transferrin Receptor 1 Gene Expression Controlled by c-Myc in Colon Cancer–Bearing Mice

Fumiyasu Okazaki, Naoya Matsunaga, Hiroyuki Okazaki, Naoki Utozuchi, Ryo Suzuki, Kazuo Maruyama, Satoru Koyanagi, and Shigeo Ohdo

Précis: c-Myc controlled circadian rhythms that regulate colon cancer gene expression may promote new concepts in dosing regimens for cancer therapy.
Phosphomimetic Mutants of Pigment Epithelium-Derived Factor with Enhanced Antiangiogenic Activity as Potent Anticancer Agents
Alexander Konson, Sunila Pradeep, and Rony Seger

Précis: Findings may encourage the development of a specific neovascularization-targeting anticancer agent.

DNA Damage–Induced Cytotoxicity Is Dissociated from BRCA1’s DNA Repair Function but Is Dependent on Its Cytosolic Accumulation
Hong Wang, Eddy S. Yang, Juhong Jiang, Somaira Nowsheen, and Fen Xia

Précis: BRCA1 nucleocytoplasmic shuttling may serve as marker of tumor response and possibly a mechanistic focus to sensitize cancer cells to DNA damage-based therapy.

6-Thioguanine Selectively Kills BRCA2-Defective Tumors and Overcomes PARP Inhibitor Resistance
Natalia Issaeva, Huw D. Thomas, Tatjana Djurenovic, Janneke E. Jaspers, Ivaylo Stoimenov, Suzanne Kyle, Nicholas Pedley, Ponnari Gottipati, Rafal Zur, Kate Sleeth, Vicky Chatzakos, Evan A. Mulligan, Cecilia Lundin, Ariena Kersbergen, Adrian L. Harris, Ricky A. Sharma, Sven Rottenberg, Nicola J. Curtin, and Thomas Helleday

Précis: Strategies to anticipate and address resistance to PARP inhibitors that target tumors defective in BRCA1 or BRCA2 will extend patient survival and may help rationalize more effective combinatorial treatments.

Poly(ADP-Ribose) Polymerase Inhibitor Induces Accelerated Senescence in Irradiated Breast Cancer Cells and Tumors

Précis: These studies suggest a novel mechanism for radiosensitization by PARP inhibitors, mediated by persistent DNA damage response resulting in accelerated cellular senescence both in vitro and in vivo, with significant implications for cancer therapy.
A Chemosensitization Screen Identifies TP53RK, a Kinase that Restrains Apoptosis after Mitotic Stress
David Peterson, James Lee, Xingye C. Lei, William F. Forrest, David P. Davis, Peter K. Jackson, and Lisa D. Belmont

Precis: A novel chemo-sensitization screen identifies a molecule that may confer taxane resistance and serve as a new therapeutic target.

Reprogramming Human Cancer Cells in the Mouse Mammary Gland
Karen M. Bussard, Corinne A. Boulanger, Brian W. Booth, Robert D. Bruno, and Gilbert H. Smith

Precis: Findings argue that human cancer cells can be reprogrammed to a non-cancerous phenotype by the microenvironment of a regenerating mammary gland.

GlcNAcylation Plays an Essential Role in Breast Cancer Metastasis
Yuchao Gu, Wenyi Mi, Yuqing Ge, Haiyan Liu, Qiong Fan, Cuifang Han, Jing Yang, Feng Han, Xinzhi Lu, and Wengong Yu

Precis: This study elucidates how a nuclear and cytoplasmic carbohydrate modification in breast cancer cells influences their malignant properties.

CIIA Is a Novel Regulator of Detachment-Induced Cell Death
Kwang Je Kim, Je-Wook Yu, Hyan Sub Hwang, and Eui-Ju Choi

Precis: Findings define a novel mechanistic realm to trigger anoikis in cancer cells as a possible therapeutic strategy.

Suppression of Integrin α3β1 in Breast Cancer Cells Reduces Cyclooxygenase-2 Gene Expression and Inhibits Tumorigenesis, Invasion, and Cross-Talk to Endothelial Cells

Precis: Findings reveal a novel role for COX-2 as a downstream effector of integrin α3β1 in tumor cells, identifying this integrin as a potential therapeutic target in breast cancer treatment.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Spontaneous Malignant Transformation of Human Mesenchymal Stem Cells Reflects Cross-Contamination: Putting the Research Field on Track – Letter

Correction: Oncogenic Ras Promotes Reovirus Spread by Suppressing IFN-β Production through Negative Regulation of RIG-I Signaling

Correction: Myc-Induced MicroRNAs Integrate Myc-Mediated Cell Proliferation and Cell Fate

Fructose Induces Transketolase Flux to Promote Pancreatic Cancer Growth
Haibo Liu, Danshan Huang, David L. McArthur, Laszlo G. Boros, Nicholas Nissen, and Anthony P. Heaney

Precis: Dietary fructose which is commonly added to processed foods may promote pancreatic cancer growth, given a distinct metabolism relative to glucose that more strongly favors DNA and RNA synthesis.

Transforming Growth Factor-β (TGF-β)–Inducible Gene TMEPAI Converts TGF-β from a Tumor Suppressor to a Tumor Promoter in Breast Cancer
Prajjal K. Singha, I-Tien Yeh, Manjeri A. Venkatachalam, and Pothana Saikumar

Precis: Findings suggest novel insights into how cancer cell responses to TGF-beta are converted from growth inhibitory to growth promoting in nature.

HERC2 Is an E3 Ligase That Targets BRCA1 for Degradation

Precis: This study identifies an E3 ligase that may balance regulation of BRCA1 stability and influence breast carcinogenesis.
Correction: Endothelial Cell Migration and Vascular Endothelial Growth Factor Expression Are the Result of Loss of Breast Tissue Polarity

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

ABOUT THE COVER

DNA damage induced by 6-thioguanine is repaired by homologous recombination. Cells treated with 6-thioguanine were fixed, and DNA (blue), RAD51 (red), and γH2AX (green) were visualized by immunofluorescence. RAD51 foci formed in V-C8+B2 cells and colocalized with γH2AX foci. For details, see the article by Hellday and colleagues on page 6268 of this issue.