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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, Evgenia Gubanova, 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.

Transplanting Normal Vascular Proangiogenic Cells to Tumor-Bearing Mice Triggers Vascular Remodeling and Reduces Hypoxia in Tumors


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

Construction and Characterization of a Bispecific Anti-CD20 Antibody with Potent Antitumor Activity against B-Cell Lymphoma

Bohua Li, Xuminüng Zhang, Shu Shi, Lei Zhao, Dapeng Zhang, Weizhu Qian, Lei Zheng, Jie Gao, Hao Wang, and Yajun Guo

Précis: A bispecific anti-CD20 antibody that engages both apoptosis and complement dependent cytotoxicity offers a promising agent to improve treatment of B cell neoplasms.

EGFRvIII Antibody–Conjugated Iron Oxide Nanoparticles for Magnetic Resonance Imaging–Guided Convection-Enhanced Delivery and Targeted Therapy of Glioblastoma


Précis: Target directed magnetic nanoparticles are being developed for MRI contrast enhancement and treatment of brain tumors.

Vorinostat and Sorafenib Increase CD95 Activation in Gastrointestinal Tumor Cells through a Ca2+-De novo Ceramide-PP2A-Reactive Oxygen Species–Dependent Signaling Pathway

Margaret A. Park, Clint Mitchell, Guo Zhang, Adly Yacoub, Jeremy Allegood, Dieter Hüssinger, Roland Reinherz, Andrew Larner, Sarah Spiegel, Paul B. Fisher, Christina Voelkel-Johnson, Besim Ogtmen, Steven Grant, and Paul Dent

Précis: Mechanistic investigations reveal the critical steps through which a combination of targeted therapies now entering clinical trials activates a central cancer cell death pathway.
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

Précis: A novel chemo-sensitization screen identifies a molecule that may confer taxane resistance and serve as a novel 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

Précis: 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

Précis: 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, Hyun Sub Hwang, and Eui-Ju Choi

Précis: 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


Précis: 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


CORRECTIONS

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

Correction: 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

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