Highlights from Recent Cancer Literature

MRE11 Expression Is Predictive of Cause-Specific Survival following Radical Radiotherapy for Muscle-Invasive Bladder Cancer

Précis: Findings define a biopsy marker that may predict the type of therapy most likely to cure individual patients of invasive bladder cancer.

The Promise of MicroRNA Replacement Therapy
Andreas G. Bader, David Brown, and Matthew Winkler

Précis: Study illustrates how cytotoxic nanoparticle therapies can incorporate an approved MRI contrast agent for superior noninvasive imaging in vivo, easing analysis of preclinical and clinical pharmacology.

The Sympathetic Nervous System Induces a Metastatic Switch in Primary Breast Cancer

Précis: Metastasis promoted by macrophages may be assisted by the sympathetic nervous system and thus blocked by drugs that antagonize adrenergic signaling.

Quantitative Imaging of Lymphatic Function with Liposomal Indocyanine Green
Steven T. Proulx, Paola Luciani, Stefanie Derzsi, Matthias Rinderknecht, Viviane Mumprecht, Jean-Christophe Leroux, and Michael Detmar

Précis: Quantitative noninvasive imaging of lymphatic flow will greatly assist the study of experimental cancer drugs being developed to target lymphatics, as well as the ability to image lymphedema and sentinel lymph nodes in cancer.

Loss of Osteoclasts Contributes to Development of Osteosarcoma Pulmonary Metastases
Liliana Endo-Munoz, Andrew Cumming, Danny Rickwood, Danielle Wilson, Claudia Cueva, Charlotte Ng, Geoffrey Strutton, A. Ian Cassady, Andreas Evdokiou, Scott Sommerville, Ian Dickinson, Alexander Guminski, and Nicholas A. Saunders

Précis: Findings suggest that osteoclast-preserving therapies may help prevent or delay metastatic development in osteosarcoma.
Hyaluronan Deficiency in Tumor Stroma Impairs Macrophage Trafficking and Tumor Neovascularization
Nobutaka Kobayashi, Seiji Miyoshi, Takahide Mikami, Hiroshi Koyama, Masato Kitazawa, Michiko Takeoka, Kenji Sano, Jun Amano, Zenzo Isogai, Shumpei Niida, Kayoko Oguri, Minoru Okayama, John A. McDonald, Koji Kimata, Shin’ichiro Taniguchi, and Naoki Itano

Précis: Stromal hyaluronan serves as a microenvironmental signal for recruitment of tumor-associated macrophages, which are key cells involved in tumor neovascularization.

Dacarbazine Treatment before Peptide Vaccination Enlarges T-Cell Repertoire Diversity of Melan-A–Specific, Tumor-Reactive CTL in Melanoma Patients
Belinda Palermo, Duilia Del Bello, Alessandra Sottini, Federico Serana, Claudia Ghidini, Novella Gualtieri, Virginia Ferraresi, Caterina Catricalà, Filippo Belardelli, Enrico Proietti, Pier Giorgio Natali, Luisa Imberti, and Paola Nisticò

Précis: Clinical findings support the concept that the use of chemotherapy before a cancer vaccine can promote renewal of tumor-reactive T cells and extend survival.

IFNγ Markedly Cooperates with Intratumoral Dendritic Cell Vaccine in Dog Tumor Models
Kai Mito, Kikuya Sugiura, Kana Ueda, Takako Hori, Takashi Akazawa, Jyoji Yamate, Hiroshi Nakagawa, Shingo Hatoya, Muneo Inaba, Norimitsu Inoue, Susumu Ikehara, and Toshio Inaba

Précis: Findings suggest a mechanism through which caveolin-1 can mediate antimitotic effects in melanoma.

Chemotherapy-Induced Genotoxic Stress Promotes Sensitivity to Natural Killer Cell Cytotoxicity by Enabling Missing-Self Recognition
Jason H. Fine, Peter Chen, Aruz Mesci, David S. Allan, Stephan Gasser, David H. Raulet, and James R. Carlyle

Précis: Genotoxic and cell-stressing chemicals sensitize tumor cells to MHC-independent missing-self recognition by NK cells.
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Jie Jiang, Daryl Cole, Nigel Westwood, Lee Macpherson, Farzin Farzaneh, Ghulam Mufti, Mdihvash Tavassoli, and Joop Gäken

Précis: Mechanistic studies reveal the basis for a cancer-selective cell death pathway that might be exploited to improve the treatment of multiple myeloma.

Colorectal Tumors Are Effectively Eradicated by Combined Inhibition of β-Catenin, KRAS, and the Oncogenic Transcription Factor ITF2
Luca Mologni, Hafedh Dekhil, Monica Ceccon, Stefania Purgante, Cathy Lan, Loredana Cleris, Vera Magistroni, Franca Formelli, and Carlo B. Gambacorti-Passerini

Précis: Findings offer preclinical proof of concept for a highly effective combinatorial therapy for colorectal tumors which targets three key oncoproteins.

Deficiency of Splicing Factor 1 Suppresses the Occurrence of Testicular Germ Cell Tumors
Rui Zhu, Jason Heaney, Joseph H. Nadeau, Sara Ali, and Angabin Matin

Précis: Findings strengthen the emerging evidence that alterations in RNA splicing occurring widely in cancer cells functionally contributes to malignant development.

Using the Transcription Factor Inhibitor of DNA Binding 1 to Selectively Target Endothelial Progenitor Cells Offers Novel Strategies to Inhibit Tumor Angiogenesis and Growth

Précis: Findings establish a strategy to follow and target bone marrow–derived endothelial progenitor cells that are vital for tumor angiogenesis.

Angiopoietin-4 Promotes Glioblastoma Progression by Enhancing Tumor Cell Viability and Angiogenesis
Melissa K. Brunckhorst, Hui Wang, Rong Lu, and Qin Yu

Précis: Findings identify the Ang-4/Tie-2 receptor axis as an attractive therapeutic target to treat aggressive brain cancers.

Cancer-Associated Fibroblasts Enhance the Gland-Forming Capability of Prostate Cancer Stem Cells
Chun-Peng Liao, Helty Adisetiyo, Mengmeng Liang, and Pradip Roy-Burman

Précis: Cancer-associated fibroblasts may exert their robust contributions to malignant phenotype by promoting the tumorigenic potential of cancer stem cells.

Coactivated Platelet-Derived Growth Factor Receptor α and Epidermal Growth Factor Receptor Are Potential Therapeutic Targets in Intimal Sarcoma
Barbara Dewaele, Giuseppe Floris, Julio Finalet-Ferreiro, Christopher D. Fletcher, Jean-Michel Coindre, Louis Guillou, Pancras C.W. Hogendoorn, Agnieszka Wozniak, Vanessa Vansepaunen, Patrick Schöffski, Peter Marynen, Peter Vandenberghhe, Raf Sciot, and Maria Debiec-Rychter

Précis: Findings suggest that mutationally activated and ligand activated forms of growth factor receptors regulate distinct transcription programs that differentially affect motility, stress response, and stem cell properties.

In vivo Imaging of Tumor Transduced with Bimodal Lentiviral Vector Encoding Human Ferritin and Green Fluorescent Protein on a 1.5T Clinical Magnetic Resonance Scanner
Hoe Suk Kim, Hye Rim Cho, Seung Hong Choi, Ji Su Woo, and Woo Kyung Moon

Précis: Simultaneous MRI and fluorescent imaging of tumors can be used to noninvasively monitor metastasis and response to cell or gene-based therapies with the use of an engineered lentiviral system.
A Specific Need for CRKL in p210BCR-ABL–Induced Transformation of Mouse Hematopoietic Progenitors
Ji-Heui Seo, Lisa J. Wood, Anupriya Agarwal, Thomas O’Hare, Collin R. Elsea, Ian J. Griswold, Michael W.N. Deininger, Akira Imamoto, and Brian J. Druker
Précis: Results reveal a previously undefined linkage in BCR-ABL effector signaling that is essential to drive transformation of hematopoietic progenitor cells.

Modifying Akt Signaling in B-Cell Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia Cells
Sebastian W. Hofbauer, Josefina D. Piñón, Gabriele Brachtl, Lucia Haginger, Wei Wang, Karin Jöhrer, Ingeborg Tinhofer, Tanja Nicole Hartmann, and Richard Greil
Précis: A survival pathway in chronic lymphocytic leukemia responding to antigenic and stromal support might be targeted by disrupting an Akt pathway mediating this support.

ABOUT THE COVER
Chronic stress promotes adrenergic-dependent infiltration of macrophages into primary mammary tumors, leading to enhanced metastasis. In an immunofluorescence analysis, anti-β2-adrenergic receptor (green), anti-F4/80 (red), and nuclear counterstaining (blue) were used to visualize 66c14 mammary tumor cryosections from control and stressed mice. For details, see the article by Sloan and colleagues on page 7042 of this issue.