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Précis: The concept that oncoproteins or tumor suppressor proteins are “cytosolic” or “nuclear” in function is increasingly untenable, with an increasing number found to exert distinct functions in different cellular compartments where they can be found.

Précis: Findings define a critical function in the resistance of cancer to the widely employed DNA damaging anticancer agent etoposide.

Précis: Study defines a new function for the c-RAF kinase in supporting cancer development.

Précis: Results offer new possible strategies to address the eventual acquisition of hormone independence in 8p11-12 amplified, estrogen receptor positive, luminal B type breast cancers, a significant clinical problem.

Précis: Study elucidates mechanisms underlying adaptive response and bystander effects in cells exposed to low doses of radiation, with the promise of improved strategies for radiation treatment of human tumors.

Précis: Findings argue that overexpression of Sp transcription factor Sp2 occurring in a variety of human cancers is likely to have significant functional impact.

Précis: Cumulative findings on the role of the Hippo pathway regulated transcription factor Yap in human ovarian cancer suggest a major role for this pathway in ovarian cancer progression.

Précis: Study defines key mechanisms by which a central oncogenic driver in melanoma can trigger cell senescence, with implications for understanding the relationships between cancer and aging.

Précis: Discovery of a new mechanism of ER regulation mediated by HER2 fragments suggests a new strategy to improve patient responses to endocrine therapy in breast cancer.
The miR-17-92 Cluster of MicroRNAs Confers Tumorigenicity by Inhibiting Oncogene-Induced Senescence

Lixin Hong, Maoyi Lai, Michelle Chen, Changchuan Xie, Rong Liao, Young Jun Kang, Changchun Xiao, Wen-Yuan Hu, Jiahuaui Han, and Peiqing Sun

Precis: Study defines a mechanistic basis to understand the pro-oncogenic role of an important microRNA gene cluster in cancer.

Danger Signaling Protein HMGB1 Induces a Distinct Form of Cell Death Accompanied by Formation of Giant Mitochondria

Georg Gdynia, Martina Keith, Jürgen Kopitz, Marion Bergmann, Anne Fassl, Alexander N.R. Weber, Julie George, Tim Kees, Hans-Walter Zentgraf, Otmar D. Wiestler, Peter Schirmacher, and Wilfried Roth

Precis: When released into the tissue environment by damaged cells, the DNA binding protein HMGB1 stimulates an inflammatory response from innate immune cells and a distinct necrosis-like form of cancer cell death with therapeutic potential.

Human Papillomavirus Infection and Reinfection in Adult Women: the Role of Sexual Activity and Natural Immunity

Helen Trottier, Silvaneide Ferreira, Patricia Thomann, Maria C. Costa, Joao S. Sobrinho, José Carlos M. Prado, Thomas E. Rohan, Luisa L. Villa, and Eduardo L. Franco

Precis: This study has important public health implications concerning vaccination of adult women to prevent cervical cancer.

Hierarchical Clustering of Human Papilloma Virus Genotype Patterns in the ASCUS-LSIL Triage Study

Nicolas Wentzensen, Lauren E. Wilson, Cosette M. Wheeler, Joseph D. Carreon, Patti E. Gravitt, Mark Schiffman, and Philip E. Castle

Precis: Findings suggest a novel approach to complex HPV genotype patterns in cervical disease that can address disease misclassification and HPV genotype distributions in different populations.

Zoledronic Acid Reduces Bone Loss and Tumor Growth in an Orthotopic Xenograft Model of Osteolytic Oral Squamous Cell Carcinoma


A New Paradigm for Aptamer Therapeutic AS1411 Action: Uptake by Macropinocytosis and Its Stimulation by a Nucleolin-Dependent Mechanism

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Catherine J. Huntoon, Monica D. Nye, Liyi Geng, Kevin L. Peterson, Karen S. Flatten, Paul Haluska, Scott H. Kaufmann, and Larry M. Karnitz

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8662 Cediranib/AZD2171 Inhibits Bone and Brain Metastasis in a Preclinical Model of Advanced Prostate Cancer
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Précis: Ovarian cancers may be highly responsive to strategies that target the tumor vasculature, increasing interest in focusing on such strategies to improve therapeutic outcomes.

8684 Telomerase Inhibition Potentiates the Effects of Genotoxic Agents in Breast and Colorectal Cancer Cells in a Cell Cycle–Specific Manner
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Précis: Preclinical findings strongly encourage clinical evaluation of a novel derivative of vitamin E as an adjuvant treatment with standard of care chemotherapy in pancreatic cancer patients.

8706 Targeted Radiosensitization of Cells Expressing Truncated DNA Polymerase β
Sari Neijenhuis, Manon Verwijs-Janssen, Lenie J. van den Broek, Adrian C. Begg, and Conchita Vens

Précis: This study demonstrates the feasibility of tumor-targeted radiosensitization in tumor cells exhibiting BER/SSBR deficiencies.
Loss of PTEN Expression by Blocking Nuclear Translocation of EGR1 in Gefitinib-Resistant Lung Cancer Cells Harboring Epidermal Growth Factor Receptor–Activating Mutations

Chizuko Yamamoto, Yuji Basaki, Akihiko Kawahara, Kazutaka Nakashima, Masayoshi Kage, Hirotu Izumi, Kimitoshi Kohno, Hitetaka Uramoto, Kosei Yasumoto, Michihiko Kuwano, and Mayumi Ono

Précis: Results reinforce the therapeutic importance of PTEN expression in treatment of lung adenocarcinoma with EGFR targeting drugs.

Histone Methyltransferase MLL1 Regulates MDR1 Transcription and Chemoresistance

Hairong Huo, Pellegrino G. Magro, E. Christy Pietsch, Brijesh B. Patel, and Kathleen W. Scotto

Précis: Findings suggest an approach to attack drug resistance in acute lymphoblastic leukemias and other cancers where oncogenic activations of MLL1 occur.

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Y.N. Vashisht Gopal, Wanleng Deng, Scott E. Woodman, Kakajan Komurov, Prahlad Ram, Paul D. Smith, and Michael A. Davies

Précis: Findings offer a rationale for combining an MEK inhibitor with a PI3K-AKT pathway inhibitor to improve the treatment of malignant melanomas with a Braf mutation.

Tumor Cell Kill by c-MYC Depletion: Role of MYC-Regulated Genes that Control DNA Double-Strand Break Repair

Kaisa R. Luoto, Alice X. Meng, Amanda R. Waylishen, Helen Zhao, Carla L. Coackley, Linda Z. Penn, and Robert G. Bristow

Précis: Findings suggest that anti-MYC agents may prevent genetic instability but may not be useful for radiosensitization or chemosensitization of cancer cells.

Phosphorylation of RalB Is Important for Bladder Cancer Cell Growth and Metastasis

Hong Wang, Charles Owens, Nidhi Chandra, Mark R. Conaway, David L. Brautigan, and Dan Theodorescu

Précis: Mechanistic findings suggest specific tactics to blunt Ral GTpase signaling that could offer an effective approach to treat metastatic bladder cancer.

Synthetic Lethality Screens Reveal RPS6 and MST1R as Modifiers of Insulin-like Growth Factor-1 Receptor Inhibitor Activity in Childhood Sarcomas


Précis: Probing of the IGF-1 receptor axis in childhood sarcomas reveals resistance mechanisms through activation of alternative tyrosine kinases.

BRCA1-IRIS Overexpression Promotes Cisplatin Resistance in Ovarian Cancer Cells

Kerri L. Chock, Jamie M.S. Allison, Yoshiko Shimizu, and Wael M. ElShamy

Précis: Mechanistic study suggests novel strategies to defeat therapeutic resistance in ovarian cancer, which persists as a top priority to improve clinical treatment of this disease.

PML-RARα and Dnmt3a1 Cooperate in vivo to Promote Acute Promyelocytic Leukemia


Précis: Findings argue that levels of a DNA methyltransferase are rate limiting for progression of acute promyelocytic leukemias.

Alternative Cyclin D1 Splice Forms Differentially Regulate the DNA Damage Response

Zhiping Li, Xuanmao Jiao, Chenguang Wang, L. Andrew Shirley, Hany Elsaleh, Olav Dahl, Min Wang, Evo Soutoglou, Erik S. Knudsen, and Richard G. Pestell

Précis: Expression of splice isoform cyclin D1a increases the DNA damage response as compared with cyclin D1b.

Nuclear Receptor COUP-TFII Controls Pancreatic Islet Tumor Angiogenesis by Regulating Vascular Endothelial Growth Factor/Vascular Endothelial Growth Factor Receptor-2 Signaling

Jun Qin, Xinpu Chen, Li-yuan Yu-Lee, Ming-Jer Tsai, and Sophia Y. Tsai

Précis: Findings reveal a master transcriptional regulator of VEGF signaling in endothelial cells that is crucial to support tumor angiogenesis.
EGFR Promotes Lung Tumorigenesis by Activating miR-7 through a Ras/ERK/Myc Pathway That Targets the Ets2 Transcriptional Repressor ERF
Yu-Ting Chou, Hua-Heng Lin, Yung-Chang Lien, Yuan-Hung Wang, Chun-Fu Hong, Yu-Rung Kao, Sheng-Chieh Lin, Ying-Che Chang, Shu-Yu Lin, Shu-Jen Chen, Hua-Chien Chen, Shauh-Der Yeh, and Cheng-Wen Wu

Précis: Findings identify the microRNA miR-7 as a modulator of EGFR-mediated oncogenesis with important potential applications as a theranostic target in lung cancer.

Characterization of a Candidate Tumor Suppressor Gene Uroplakin 1A in Esophageal Squamous Cell Carcinoma
Kar Lok Kong, Dora L. Kwong, Li Fu, Tim Hon Man Chan, Leilei Chen, Haibo Liu, Yan Li, Ying-Hui Zhu, Jiong Bi, Yan-Ru Qin, Simon Ying Kit Law, and Xin-Yuan Guan

Précis: A tetraspanin cell surface receptor represents an important new theranostic marker in esophageal cancer, a deadly disease with a rising incidence in developed countries.

In vivo Imaging of Inflammation- and Tumor-Induced Lymph Node Lymphangiogenesis by Immuno–Positron Emission Tomography
Viviane Mumprecht, Michael Honer, Benjamin Vigl, Steven T. Proulx, Eveline Trachsel, Manuela Kaspar, Nadja E. Banziger-Tobler, Roger Schibli, Dario Neri, and Michael Detmar

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Prognostic and Therapeutic Implications of Distinct Kinase Expression Patterns in Different Subtypes of Breast Cancer
Giampaolo Bianchini, Takayuki Iwamoto, Yuan Qi, Charles Coutant, Christine Y. Shiang, Bailang Wang, Libero Santarpia, Vicente Valero, Gabriel N. Hortobagyi, W. Fraser Symmans, Luca Gianni, and Lajos Pusztai

Précis: Study findings indicate that kinases regulating mitosis and immune functions convey distinct prognostic information that varies by clinical subtypes, suggesting strategies to combine kinase inhibitors for therapeutic benefit.

Maternal Embryonic Leucine Zipper Kinase is Upregulated and Required in Mammary Tumor-Initiating Cells In vivo
Lionel W. Hebbard, Jochen Maurer, Amber Miller, Jacqueline Lesperance, John Hassell, Robert G. Oshima, and Alexey V. Terskikh

Précis: Results offer preclinical proof-of-concept for targeting a little-studied kinase as a therapeutic strategy to destroy breast cancer–initiating cells.

Tumorigenic and Metastatic Activity of Human Thyroid Cancer Stem Cells
Matilde Todaro, Flora Iovino, Vincenzo Eterno, Patrizia Cammareri, Guido Gambara, Virginia Espina, Gaspare Gulotta, Francesco Dieli, Silvia Giordano, Ruggiero De Maria, and Giorgio Stassi

Précis: Aldehyde dehydrogenase overexpression identifies thyroid cancer stem cells that could promote the development of novel approaches for thyroid malignancy.

Ionizing Radiation Activates the Nrf2 Antioxidant Response

Précis: A delayed adaptive mechanism of radioprotection is described that might be manipulated to mitigate complications of radiotherapy in normal tissues which arise late after radiation exposure.

Protein Tyrosine Phosphatase Receptor Type Y is a Functional Tumor Suppressor Gene Specifically Downregulated in Chronic Myeloid Leukemia
Marco Della Peruta, Giovanni Martinelli, Elisabetta Moratti, Davide Pintani, Marzia Vezzalini, Andrea Mafficini, Tiziana Grafone, Ilaria Iacobucci, Simona Soverini, Marco Murineddu, Fabrizio Vinante, Cristina Tecchio, Giovanna Piras, Attilio Gabbas, Maria Monne, and Claudio Sorio

Précis: Findings identify a novel clinically relevant tumor suppressor gene in chronic myelogenous leukemia.
Enhanced Genetic Instability and Dasatinib Sensitivity in Mammary Tumor Cells Lacking NEDD9
Mahendra K. Singh, Eugene Izumchenko, Andres J. Klein-Szanto, Brian L. Egleston, Marina Wolfson, and Erica A. Golemis
Précis: Although Nedd9 overexpression may act as a driver and biomarker for tumor aggressiveness, genetic deficiency in Nedd9 in mice selects for development of hyperaggressive mammary tumors.

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9L gliosarcoma cells expressing cel-miR-67 transfer cel-miR-67 to naïve 9L cells. Coculture of cel-miR-67–expressing 9L cells with those that expressed a luciferase reporter containing a complementary sequence to cel-miR-67 results in suppression of luciferase protein expression in the acceptor cells. This image reveals colocalization of cel-miR-67 (dark dots, in situ hybridization signal) with eGFP in 9L cells that do not express cel-miR-67. These findings indicate that glioma cells can transfer functional miRNA from one cell to another. Thus, miRNA serves as an intercellular signaling molecule in glioma. For details, see the article by Katakowski and colleagues on page 8259 of this issue.