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Expression of Snail in Epidermal Keratinocytes Promotes Cutaneous Inflammation and Hyperplasia Conducive to Tumor Formation
Fei Du, Yoshikazu Nakamura, Tuan-Lin Tan, Pedro Lee, Robert Lee, Benjamin Yu, and Colin Jamora

Précis: Findings suggest that the chief contribution of a key EMT-inducing transcription factor to carcinoma progression is largely through the creation of a hyperproliferative and inflammatory niche in the tumor microenvironment.

HGF/c-Met Acts as an Alternative Angiogenic Pathway in Sunitinib-Resistant Tumors
Farbod Shojaei, Joseph H. Lee, Brett H. Simmons, Anthony Wong, Carlos O. Esparza, Pamela A. Plumlee, Junlii Feng, Albert E. Stewart, Dana D. Hu-Lowe, and James G. Christensen

Précis: Results indicate that inhibition of the c-Met pathway has an additive effect on inhibition of the VEGF pathway in tumors resistant to the VEGF inhibitor sunitinib.

HIF-2α Enhances β-Catenin/TCF-Driven Transcription by Interacting with β-Catenin
Hyunsung Choi, Yang-Sook Chun, Tae-You Kim, and Jong-Wan Park

Précis: Findings suggest that HIF-1α/HIF-2α balance determines cell growth when hypoxia and Wnt stimulation coexist, affecting understanding of tumor fate under hypoxic conditions that may help control hypoxic tumor cells.

IL-17 Enhances Tumor Development in Carcinogen-Induced Skin Cancer
Lin Wang, Tangsheng Yi, Wang Zhang, Drew M. Pardoll, and Hua Yu

Précis: Activation of a central proinflammatory pathway for adaptive immune cells contributes to cancer-associated inflammation in a classical model of carcinogenesis.

Delivery of NKG2D Ligand Using an Anti-HER2 Antibody-NKG2D Ligand Fusion Protein Results in an Enhanced Innate and Adaptive Antitumor Response

Précis: Preclinical study defines a novel antibody-based therapeutic strategy that can couple innate and adaptive immune responses against tumors to increase antitumor efficacy.
Prognostic Value and Function of KLF4 in Prostate Cancer: RNAa and Vector-Mediated Overexpression Identify KLF4 as an Inhibitor of Tumor Cell Growth and Migration

Ji Wang, Robert F. Place, Vera Huang, Xiaoling Wang, Emily J. Noonan, Clara E. Magyar, Jiaoti Huang, and Long-Cheng Li

Précis: A potential tumor and metastasis suppressor gene is identified in prostate cancer, in which its decreased expression predicts the development of metastasis.

Free Tubulin Modulates Mitochondrial Membrane Potential in Cancer Cells

Eduardo N. Maldonado, Jyoti Patnaik, Matthew R. Mullins, and John J. Lemasters

Précis: Results suggest a mechanism to understand how mitochondrial metabolism is suppressed in cancer cells, a characteristic feature of the Warburg effect.

A Unique Metastasis Gene Signature Enables Prediction of Tumor Relapse in Early-Stage Hepatocellular Carcinoma Patients

Stephanie Roessler, Hu-Liang Jia, Anuradha Budhu, Marshonna Forgues, Qing-Hai Ye, Ju-Seog Lee, Snorri S. Thorgeirsson, Zhongtang Sun, Zhao-You Tang, Lun-Xiu Qin, and Xin Wei Wang

Précis: Results from two independent cohorts with mixed etiologies and ethnicity define a unique metastasis expression signature that can predict early recurrence of hepatocellular carcinoma.

Downregulation of c-MYC Protein Levels Contributes to Cancer Cell Survival under Dual Deficiency of Oxygen and Glucose

Hiroaki Okuyama, Hiroko Endo, Tamaki Akashika, Kikuya Kato, and Masahiro Inoue

Précis: c-MYC downregulation may represent a universal survival strategy of cancer cells under ischemic conditions that select for development of aggressive phenotypes.

Tip30 Deletion in MMTV-Neu Mice Leads to Enhanced EGFR Signaling and Development of Estrogen Receptor–Positive and Progesterone Receptor–Negative Mammary Tumors

Chengliang Zhang, Mikito Mori, Shenglan Gao, Aimin Li, Isamu Hoshino, Mark D. Aupperlee, Sandra Z. Haslam, and Hua Xiao

Précis: Mechanistic study leads to development of a mouse model of ER+/PR− breast cancer, which while not as widely studied as other disease subtypes accounts for up to 25% of all breast cancers.

Histone H3 Lysine 79 Methyltransferase Dot1 Is Required for Immortalization by MLL Oncogenes

Ming-Jin Chang, Hongyu Wu, Nicholas J. Achille, Mary Rose Reisenauer, Chau-Wen Chou, Nancy J. Zeleznik-Le, Charles S. Hemenway, and Wenzheng Zhang

Précis: Findings define a pivotal requirement for an important histone methyltransferase in a class of clinically aggressive leukemias, also implicating this enzyme as a therapeutic target for novel treatment strategies in these diseases.

Dual Functional Monoclonal Antibody PF-04605412 Targets Integrin α5β1 and Elicits Potent Antibody-Dependent Cellular Cytotoxicity

Gang Li, Lianglin Zhang, Enhong Chen, Jiaying Wang, Xin Jiang, Jeffrey H. Chen, Grant Wickman, Karin Amundson, Simon Bergqvist, James Zobel, Dana Buckman, Sangita M. Baxi, Steven L. Bender, Gerald F. Casperson, and Dana D. Hu-Lowe

Précis: Findings suggest that the efficacy of antibody-based therapy of solid tumors can be improved by engineering changes in the antibody constant region that enhance ADCC.
Targeting the Mitotic Checkpoint for Cancer Therapy with NMS-P715, an Inhibitor of MPS1 Kinase

Riccardo Colombo, Marina Caldarelli, Milena Mennecozzi, Maria Laura Giorgini, Francesco Sola, Paolo Cappella, Claudia Perrera, Stefania Re Depaolini, Luisa Rusconi, Ulisse Cucchi, Nilla Avanzi, Jay Aaron Bertrand, Roberto Tiberio Bossi, Enrico Pesenti, Arturo Galvani, Antonella Isacchi, Francesco Colotta, Daniele Donati, and Jürgen Moll

Précis: Proof-of-concept findings based on a small molecule that targets a key mitotic checkpoint suggest a promising new approach to selectively destroy cancer cells.

Loss of Metallothionein Predisposes Mice to Diethylnitrosamine-Induced Hepatocarcinogenesis by Activating NF-κB Target Genes

Sarmila Majumder, Satavisha Roy, Thomas Kaffenberger, Bo Wang, Stefan Costinean, Wendy Frankel, Anna Bratasz, Periannan Kuppusamy, Tsonvin Hai, Kalpana Ghoshal, and Samson T. Jacob

Précis: Results demonstrate the important protective role of metallothioneins as free radical scavengers during chemical carcinogen–induced liver cancer.

Transcriptional Control of the ERBB2 Amplicon by ERRα and PGC-1β Promotes Mammary Gland Tumorigenesis

Geneviève Debois, Ghada Chahrou, Marie-Claude Perry, Guillaume Sylvain-Drolet, William J Muller, and Vincent Giguère

Précis: This study identifies two transcription factors that influence breast cancer etiology by coordinating the expression of genes located in the 17q12 region surrounding HER2.

CX-4945, an Orally Bioavailable Selective Inhibitor of Protein Kinase CK2, Inhibits Prosurvival and Angiogenic Signaling and Exhibits Antitumor Efficacy


Précis: Study offers preclinical validation of a first-in-class orally bioavailable inhibitor of the nononcogenic protein kinase CK2.

Pemetrexed Indirectly Activates the Metabolic Kinase AMPK in Human Carcinomas

Scott B. Rothbart, Alexandra C. Racanelli, and Richard G. Moran

Précis: A folate antimetabolite currently approved by the FDA is found to also target the AMPK and mTORC metabolic pathways, broadening the range of its potential clinical applications.

NEDD8-Targeting Drug MLN4924 Elicits DNA Rereplication by Stabilizing Cdt1 in S Phase, Triggering Checkpoint Activation, Apoptosis, and Senescence in Cancer Cells

Jie Jessie Lin, Michael A. Milhollen, Peter G. Smith, Usha Narayanan, and Anindya Dutta

Précis: Findings reveal insights into the mechanism of action of an important new drug in clinical trials, also showing that even its transient exposure to p53 mutant cancer cells may be sufficient to produce potent anticancer effects.

ASNA-1 Activity Modulates Sensitivity to Cisplatin

Oskar Hemmingsson, Gautam Kao, Maria Still, and Peter Naredi

Précis: C. elegans offers a model to characterize cancer drug resistance mechanisms in different genetic backgrounds, used here to define a targetable mechanism of cisplatin resistance.

Zoledronic Acid Potentiates mTOR Inhibition and Abolishes the Resistance of Osteosarcoma Cells to RAD001 (Everolimus): Pivotal Role of the Prenylation Process

Gatien Moriceau, Benjamin Ory, Laura Mitrofan, Chiara Riganti, Frédéric Blanchard, Régis Brion, Céline Charrier, Séréine Battaglia, Paul Pilet, Marc G. Denis, Leonard D. Shultz, Jukka Mönkkönen, Françoise Rédimi, and Dominique Heymann

Précis: Combining inhibitors of the mTOR pathway with protein prenylation pathways such as zoledronic might markedly improve treatment of osteosarcoma, a highly aggressive disease.
Regulation of the Embryonic Morphogen Nodal by Notch4 Facilitates Manifestation of the Aggressive Melanoma Phenotype

Katharine M. Hardy, Dawn A. Kirschmann, Elisabeth A. Seftor, Naira V. Margaryan, Lynne-Marie Postovit, Luigi Strizzi, and Mary J.C. Hendrix

Précis: Findings define elements of a critical signaling pathway in development of metastatic melanoma that may be therapeutically tractable to disruption by Notch4 receptor antibodies.

Combinatorial Regulation of Neuroblastoma Tumor Progression by N-Myc and Hypoxia Inducible Factor HIF-1α

Guoliang Qing, Nicolas Skuli, Patrick A. Mayes, Bruce Pawel, Daniel Martinez, John M. Maris, and M. Celeste Simon

Précis: Lactate dehydrogenase is defined as a metabolic weakness of N-Myc–amplified neuroblastoma, providing an attractive therapeutic target in this aggressive and poorly managed pediatric cancer.

Mage-A Cancer/Testis Antigens Inhibit p53 Function by Blocking Its Interaction with Chromatin

Lynnette Marcar, Nicola J. MacLaine, Ted R. Hupp, and David W. Meek

Précis: Findings define a mechanism through which cells may gain metastatic capability by defeating p53 function, with implications for cancer immunotherapies that target MAGE antigens.

Homeoprotein Six1 Increases TGF-β Type I Receptor and Converts TGF-β Signaling from Suppressive to Supportive for Tumor Growth

Douglas S. Micalizzi, Chu-An Wang, Susan M. Farabaugh, William P. Schiemann, and Heide L. Ford

Précis: A transcription factor that promotes epithelial-mesenchymal transition in breast cancer is shown to support metastatic properties by upregulating the type I receptor for TGFβ.

p38 Kinase Is Crucial for Osteopontin-Induced Furin Expression That Supports Cervical Cancer Progression

Vinit Kumar, Reeti Behera, Kirti Lohite, Swapnil Karnik, and Gopal C Kundu

Précis: Mechanistic studies of the regulation of osteopontin, an important proinvasive cytokine in the tumor microenvironment, suggest novel approaches to combat cervical cancer.
Coexpression of Oct4 and Nanog Enhances Malignancy in Lung Adenocarcinoma by Inducing Cancer Stem Cell–Like Properties and Epithelial–Mesenchymal Transdifferentiation
Shih-Hwa Chiou, Mong-Lien Wang, Yu-Ting Chou, Chi-Jen Chen, Chun-Fu Hong, Wang-Ju Hsieh, Hsin-Tzu Chang, Ying-Shan Chen, Tzu-Wei Lin, Han-Sui Hsu, and Cheng-Wen Wu

Précis: Findings establish roles for two central embryonic stemness factors in promoting lung cancer metastasis.

Cell Cycle Regulator ING4 Is a Suppressor of Melanoma Angiogenesis That Is Regulated by the Metastasis Suppressor BRMS1
Jun Li and Gang Li

Précis: Findings suggest that restoring the function of the ING4 tumor suppressor gene could not only block cell proliferation but also angiogenesis and metastasis of human melanoma.

Pierce1, a Novel p53 Target Gene Contributing to the Ultraviolet-Induced DNA Damage Response
Young Hoon Sung, Hye Jin Kim, Sushil Devkota, Jusik Roh, Jaehoon Lee, Kunsoo Rhee, Young Yil Bahk, and Han-Woong Lee


The Canonical NF-κB Pathway Governs Mammary Tumorigenesis in Transgenic Mice and Tumor Stem Cell Expansion
Manran Liu, Toshiyuki Sakamaki, Mathew C. Casimiro, Nicole E. Willmarth, Andrew A. Quong, Xiaoming Ju, John Ojeifo, Xuanmao Jiao, Wen-Shuz Yeeow, Sanjay Katiyar, L. Andrew Shirley, David Joyce, Michael P. Lisanti, Christopher Albanese, and Richard G. Pestell

Précis: This report generates for the first time tissue-specific inducible transgenic mice which establish the role of endogenous NF-κB in mammary tumor onset and progression in an immune-competent animal.

Identification of PP2A Complexes and Pathways Involved in Cell Transformation
Anna A. Sahli, Melissa Hector, Nathalie Colpaert, and William C. Hahn

Précis: Findings elucidate key effector elements of the signaling pathway through which the SV40 small T antigen supports neoplastic transformation of normal human cells.

Retraction: Tripeptidyl-Peptidase II Controls DNA Damage Responses and In Vivo γ-Irradiation Resistance of Tumors
Rickard Glas, Alf Grandien, Steven Applequist, Brita Kunert, and Rajender Naredla

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Immunofluorescence analysis of Notch4 (red) and Nodal (green) in C8161 human metastatic melanoma cells reveals the expression of these proteins in a subpopulation of these aggressive cells in culture. An anti-pan-Cadherin antibody (pink) labels the cell membrane. Cell nuclei were counterstained with DAPI (blue). For details, see the article by Hardy and colleagues on page 10340 of this issue.