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Mary E. Urick, Meghan L. Rudd, Andrew K. Godwin, Dennis Sgroi, Maria Merino, and Daphne W. Bell

**Précis:** This study reveals a new mode of PI3K alteration in human endometrial cancer and suggests that the mutational status of the PI3K p85α subunit might predict clinical outcomes to inhibitors of the PI3K pathway.

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**Précis:** The translation initiation factor eIF4E may serve as a marker for therapeutic resistance to anti-HER2 therapies, where combining inhibitors of PI3K/Akt/mTOR may help relieve resistance.

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**mTOR Kinase Inhibitor AZD8055 Enhances the Immunotherapeutic Activity of an Agonist CD40 Antibody in Cancer Treatment**

Qun Jiang, Jonathan M. Weiss, Timothy Back, Tim Chan, John R. Ortaldo, Sylvie Guichard, and Robert H. Wiltout

**Précis:** Findings suggest that the most effective combinations of mTOR inhibitors in clinical trials might be as adjuvants in cancer immunotherapy.

**Targeting Hyaluronidase for Cancer Therapy: Antitumor Activity of Sulfated Hyaluronic Acid in Prostate Cancer Cells**

Anaïd Benitez, Travis J. Yates, Luis E. Lopez, Wolfgang H. Cerwinka, Ashraf Bakkar, and Vinata B. Lokeshwar

**Précis:** Findings offer mechanistic insights into the tumor-associated hyaluronidase system along with a preclinical proof-of-concept of the safety and efficacy of targeting this system to control prostate cancer growth and progression.

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Precis: Data presented in this article are the first to demonstrate that modulation of histone lysine methylation enhances the derepression of CT-X genes by DNA demethylating agents. Combining inhibitors of histone lysine methylation such as DZNep with DNA demethylating agents may be a novel strategy to augment cancer-testis antigen expression for cancer immunotherapy.

Targeting the p53 Pathway in Retinoblastoma with Subconjunctival Nutlin-3a
Rachel C. Brennan, Sara Federico, Cori Bradley, Jiakun Zhang, Jacqueline Flores-Otero, Matthew Wilson, Clinton Stewart, Fangyi Zhu, Kip Guy, and Michael A. Dyer

Precis: A locally delivered p53-activating therapy shows both efficacy and reduced toxicity for retinoblastoma treatment compared to current systemic treatments.

Glycolytic Phenotype and AMP Kinase Modify the Pathologic Response of Tumor Xenografts to VEGF Neutralization
Giovanna Nardo, Elena Favaro, Matteo Curtarello, Lidia Moserle, Elisabetta Zulato, Luca Persano, Elisabetta Rossi, Giovanni Esposito, Marika Crescenzi, Oriol Thews, Ulrike Sattler, Wolfgang Mueller-Klieser, Barbara Biesalski, Oliver Thews, Rossella Canese, Egidio Iorio, Paola Zanovello, Alberto Amadori, and Stefano Indraccolo

Precis: This study identifies new metabolic and genetic markers useful to predict the therapeutic response of tumors to VEGF neutralization.

Delineation of a Cellular Hierarchy in Lung Cancer Reveals an Oncofetal Antigen Expressed on Tumor-Initiating Cells

Precis: This study identifies an oncofetal antigen expressed on undifferentiated lung-cancer-initiating cells and shows that its targeting can elicit sustained lung tumor regression.

IFN-γ Inhibits Gastric Carcinogenesis by Inducing Epithelial Cell Autophagy and T-Cell Apoptosis
Shui Ping Tu, Michael Quante, Govind Bhagat, Shigeo Takaiishi, Guanglin Cui, Xiang Dong Yang, Sureshkumar Muthuplani, Wataru Shibata, James G. Fox, D. Mark Pritchard, and Timothy C. Wang

Precis: IFN-γ is a proinflammatory cytokine that might be expected to promote carcinogenesis in the setting of gastric inflammation, where bacterial infections have a major role, but instead its dominant action is tumor suppressive, consistent with this role defined in other solid tumor settings.

LIN28B Promotes Colon Cancer Progression and Metastasis
Catria E. King, Miriam Cuatrecasas, Antonia Castells, Antonia R. Sepulveda, Ju-Seog Lee, and Anil K. Rustgi

Precis: An isoform of the RNA binding protein Lin28 which mediates pluripotent stem cell programming is implicated in this study to promote colon tumor pathogenesis, especially metastasis.

Nuclear ErbB2 Enhances Translation and Cell Growth by Activating Transcription of Ribosomal RNA Genes
Long-Yuan Li, Hsiuiy Chen, Yi-Hsien Hsieh, Ying-Nai Wang, Hsiao-Ju Chu, Ya-Huey Chen, Hui-Yu Chen, Peng-Ju Chien, Haou-Tzong Ma, Ho-Cheng Tsai, Chien-Chen Lai, Yuh-Ping Sher, Huang-Chun Lien, Chang-Hai Tsai, and Mien-Chie Hung

Precis: Findings elucidate functions of a nuclear localized form of ErbB2/HER2 that may contribute to cancer growth and progression.
Protein Kinase D3 Sensitizes RAF Inhibitor RAF265 in Melanoma Cells by Preventing Reactivation of MAPK Signaling

Jian Chen, Qiong Shen, Mark Labow, and L. Alex Gaither

Précis: A protein kinase little studied in cancer is implicated as a potentially important mediator of resistance to RAF or MEK inhibitors that is being widely experienced in clinical trials of these drugs.

FoxM1 in Tumorigenicity of the Neuroblastoma Cells and Renewal of the Neural Progenitors

Zebin Wang, Hyun Jung Park, Janai R. Carr, Yi-ju Chen, Yu Zheng, Jing Li, Angela L. Tyner, Robert H. Costa, Srilata Bagchi, and Pradip Raychaudhuri

Précis: Findings identify an important driver of aggressive neuroblastoma cells which acts by sustaining maintenance of an undifferentiated state.

MST1 Is a Multifunctional Caspase-Independent Inhibitor of Androgenic Signaling

Bekir Cinar, Filiz Kisaayak Collak, Delia Lopez, Seckin Akgul, Nishit K. Mukhopadhyay, Murat Kilicarslan, Daniel G. Gioeli, and Michael R. Freeman

Précis: A regulator of the Hippo tumor suppressor pathway is found to be an inhibitor of androgen receptor signaling and a suppressor of prostate cell growth.

HOXC9 Links Cell-Cycle Exit and Neuronal Differentiation and Is a Prognostic Marker in Neuroblastoma

Ling Mao, Jane Ding, Yunhong Zha, Liqun Yang, Brian A. McCarthy, William King, Hongjuan Cui, and Han-Fei Ding

Précis: Findings link a developmentally important gene to the control of neuroblastoma cell proliferation and differentiation, providing an attractive theranostic target for neuroblastoma.

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ABOUT THE COVER

Metabolic bioluminescence imaging. Induced metabolic bioluminescence imaging allows for quantification and structure-associated assessment of metabolites from cryopreserved samples. This technique was used to measure ATP and glucose concentrations in sequential cryosections from human ovarian tumor cells (IGROV-1) xenografted in nude mice. Hematoxylin & eosin stainings as well as ATP levels were used to discriminate between regions of vital and nonvital tumor and adjacent normal tissue, such as stroma. Color-coded concentrations (µmol/g) of both metabolites revealed a reduction in ATP and glucose levels in tumors treated with the anti-VEGF mAb A4.6.1. For details, see the article by Nardo and colleagues on page 4214 of this issue.