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Yong-Yu Liu, Gauri A. Patwardhan, Kaustubh Bhinge, Vineet Gupta, Xin Gu, and S. Michal Jazwinski

**Précis:** This study suggests that wild-type p53 function can be resuscitated in p53 mutant cancer cells by disrupting ceramide glycosylation, suggesting a tractable new strategy to treat p53 mutant cancers.
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Human CD59 Inhibitor Sensitizes Rituximab-Resistant Lymphoma Cells to Complement-Mediated Cytolysis
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Précis: Findings rationalize a tractable method to reduce or abolish resistance to rituximab, a monoclonal antibody therapy used widely to treat certain common blood malignancies.

Overcoming Temozolomide Resistance in Glioblastoma via Dual Inhibition of NAD+ Biosynthesis and Base Excision Repair
Eva M. Goellner, Bradford Grimme, Ashley R. Brown, Ying-Chih Lin, Xiao-Hong Wang, Kelsey F. Sugrue, Leah Mitchell, Ram N. Trivedi, Jiang-bo Tang, and Robert W. Sobol

Précis: Temozolomide resistance in glioblastoma can be overcome by dual inhibition of NAD+ biosynthesis and base excision repair.

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Bilal Bin Hafeez, Weixiong Zhong, Jamey Weichert, Nancy E. Dreckschmidt, Mohammad Sarwar Jamal, and Ajit K. Verma

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Rodica P. Bunaciu and Andrew Yen

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miR-218 Suppresses Nasopharyngeal Cancer Progression through Downregulation of Survivin and the SLIT2-ROBO1 Pathway
Nehad M. Alajez, Michelle Lenarduzzi, Emma Ito, Angela B.Y. Hui, Wei Shi, Jeff Bruce, Shijun Yue, Shao H. Huang, Wei Xu, John Waldron, Brian O’Sullivan, and Fei-Fei Liu

Précis: Findings suggest a tumor suppressor function for the microRNA mi-218 that integrates control of two important cell survival and migratory mechanisms.

MAP Kinase-Interacting Kinase 1 Regulates SMAD2-Dependent TGF-β Signaling Pathway in Human Glioblastoma
Michal Grzmil, Pier Jr Morin, Maria Maddalena Lino, Adrian Merlo, Stephan Frank, Yuhua Wang, Gerald Moncayo, and Brian A. Hemmings

Précis: Findings identify a pathway that controls translation of key cancer-related RNAs including SMAD2, a key component of the TGF-β-signaling pathway, with implications for targeting deadly brain tumors more effectively.
ABOUT THE COVER

Diminished angiogenesis in NRF2 knockdown colon cancer cells. Matrigel-loaded colon cancer cells (HCT116 and HT29) with stable expression of interfering RNA of NRF2 (NRF2i) were inoculated on the CAM of 10-day-old chicken embryos and the branch points of formed blood vessels were counted as a marker of angiogenesis. NRF2 knockdown cancer cells developed fewer blood vessels; the numbers of vessel branch points in HCT-NRF2i and HT-NRF2i cells reduced to 73% and 58% of those in the control cells (SCi). The data represent means ± SD of at least 8 embryos. For details, see the article by Kim and colleagues on page 2260 of this issue.