### Breaking Advances

**Highlights from Recent Cancer Literature**

- **Epigenome Consortium**
  - A Blueprint for an International Cancer Epigenome Consortium. A Report from the AACR Cancer Epigenome Task Force
    - Stephan Beck, Bradley E. Bernstein, Robert M. Campbell, Joseph F. Costello, Dashyant Dhanak, Joseph R. Ecker, John M. Greally, Jean-Pierre Issa, Peter W. Laird, Kornelia Polyak, Benjamin Tycko, and Peter A. Jones, for the AACR Cancer Epigenome Task Force

### Reviews

**Role of Chemokines and Chemokine Receptors in Shaping the Effector Phase of the Antitumor Immune Response**
- Katarzyna Franciszkiewicz, Alexandre Boissonnas, Marie Boutet, Christophe Combadiere, and Fathia Mami-Chouaib

**TLRs as miRNA Receptors**
- Muller Fabbri

**Cytokine Stimulation of Epithelial Cancer Cells: The Similar and Divergent Functions of IL-4 and IL-13**
- Miranda A. Hallett, Katherine T. Venmar, and Barbara Fingleton

### Priority Report

**Paracrine Hedgehog Signaling Drives Metabolic Changes in Hepatocellular Carcinoma**

**An Integrated Genome-Wide Approach to Discover Tumor-Specific Antigens as Potential Immunologic and Clinical Targets in Cancer**
- Qing-Wen Xu, Wei Zhao, Yue Wang, Maureen A. Sartor, Dong-Mei Han, Jixin Deng, Balesh Ponnala, Jiang-Ying Yang, Qing-Yun Zhang, Guo-Qing Liao, Yi-Mei Qu, Lu Li, Fang-Fang Liu, Hong-Mei Zhao, Yan-Hui Yin, Wei-Feng Chen, Yu Zhang, and Xiao-Song Wang

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TWIST1 Is an ERK1/2 Effector That Promotes Invasion and Regulates MMP-1 Expression in Human Melanoma Cells
Michele B. Weiss, Ethan V. Abel, Melanie M. Mayberry, Kevin J. Basile, Adam C. Berger, and Andrew E. Aplin
Précis: Findings define the mechanism of action of a core regulator of EMT in tumor cell invasion through its action in a previously unrecognized signaling cascade that may have general implications in cancer.

p38 MAPK in Myeloma Cells Regulates Osteoclast and Osteoblast Activity and Induces Bone Destruction
Jin He, Zhiqiang Liu, Yuhuan Zheng, Jianfei Qian, Haiyan Li, Yong Lu, Jingda Xu, Bangxing Hong, Mingjun Zhang, Pei Lin, Zhen Cai, Robert Z. Orlowski, Larry W. Kwak, Qing Yi, and Jing Yang
Précis: Findings suggest that p38 MAPK inhibitors developed clinically should be repositioned to evaluate their use in treating osteolytic bone lesions in myeloma, with potentially broader implications to treat bone metastasis occurring in various cancers.

MOLECULAR AND CELLULAR PATHOBIOLoGY

Polyploidization of Murine Mesenchymal Cells Is Associated with Suppression of the Long Noncoding RNA H19 and Reduced Tumorigenicity
Ofer Shoshani, Hassan Massalha, Nir Shani, Sivan Kagan, Orly Ravid, Shalom Madar, Luba Trakhtenbrot, Dena Leshkowitz, Gideon Rechavi, and Dov Zipori
Précis: Findings reveal a critical link between a noncoding RNA and the polyploid character and low tumorigenicity of mesenchymal stromal cells.

Loss of PPP2R2A Inhibits Homologous Recombination DNA Repair and Predicts Tumor Sensitivity to PARP Inhibition
Peter Kalev, Michal Simicek, Iria Vazquez, Sebastian Munck, Liping Chen, Thomas Soin, Natasha Danda, Wen Chen, and Anna Sablina
Précis: Findings suggest that downregulation of a PPP2A family phosphatase in tumors may predict therapeutic responses to a promising new class of anticancer agents currently in clinical trials.

Genetically Mediated Nf1 Loss in Mice Promotes Diverse Radiation-Induced Tumors Modeling Second Malignant Neoplasms
Grace Choi, Brian Huang, Emile Pinarbası, Steve E. Braunstein, Andrew E. Horvai, Scott Kogan, Smita Bhatia, Bruce Faddegon, and Jean L. Nakamura
Précis: A mouse model of second malignant neoplasms reveals that loss of the Nf1 gene drives genotoxin-induced tumorigenesis in multiple tissue types. Concordant with this mouse model, genetically-mediated Nf1 loss also occurs in human second malignant neoplasms.

miR-23b Represses Proto-oncogene Src Kinase and Functions as Methylation-Silenced Tumor Suppressor with Diagnostic and Prognostic Significance in Prostate Cancer
Shahana Majid, Altaf A. Dar, Sharanjot Saini, summit Arora, Varahram Shabryari, Mohd Saif Zaman, Inik Chung, Soichiro Yamamura, Yuichiro Tanaka, Guoren Deng, and Rajvir Dahiya
Précis: This study documents the diagnostic, prognostic, and functional significance of microRNA-23b as a tumor suppressor gene in prostate cancer.

THERAPEUTICS, TARGETS, AND CHEMICAL BIOLOGY

Systemic Delivery of Salmonella typhimurium Transformed with IDO shRNA Enhances Intratumoral Vector Colonization and Suppresses Tumor Growth
Céline A. Blache, Edwin R. Manuel, Teodora L. Kaltcheva, Andrea N. Wong, Joshua D.I. Ellenhorn, Bruce R. Blazar, and Don J. Diamond
Précis: IDO blockade can leverage hypoxia-targeting infections that recruit neutrophils with powerful tumor-killing capacity, further expanding the broad acting modifier effects of IDO on adaptive and innate mechanisms of immune escape in tumors.

Modulation of the ATPase and Transport Activities of Broad-Acting Multidrug Resistance Factor ABCC10 (MRP7)
Ekaterina V. Malofeeva, Natalya Domanitskaya, Mariya Gudima, and Elizabeth A. Hopper-Borge
Précis: Findings suggest that the approved multikinase inhibitor sorafenib may enhance chemotherapeutic efficacy of drugs that are effluxed by an important mediator of drug resistance in cancer cells.
**TUMOR AND STEM CELL BIOLOGY**

**Cyclin D1 Activity Regulates Autophagy and Senescence in the Mammary Epithelium**

Nelson E. Brown, Rinath Jeselsohn, Teeru Bihani, Miaofen G. Hu, Parthena Foltopoulou, Charlotte Kupervasser, and Philip W. Hinds

**Précis:** Mammary epithelial cells expressing a kinase defective cyclin D1 survive due to an upregulation of autophagy, which if blocked, results in senescence.

**Obesity and Overfeeding Affecting Both Tumor and Systemic Metabolism Activates the Progesterone Receptor to Contribute to Postmenopausal Breast Cancer**

Erin D. Giles, Elizabeth A. Wellberg, David P. Astling, Steven M. Anderson, Ann D. Thor, Sonali Jindal, Ai-k-Choon Tan, Pepper S. Schedin, and Paul S. MacLean

**Précis:** Striking findings may help explain why obese postmenopausal women have relatively increased risks of breast cancer.