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Monoallelic Expression Determines Oncogenic Progression and Outcome in Benign and Malignant Brain Tumors
Erin J. Walker, Cindy Zhang, Pedro Castelo-Branco, Cynthia Hawkins, Wes Wilson, Nataliya Zhukova, Noa Alon, Ana Novokmet, Berivan Baskin, Peter Ray, Christiane Knobbe, Peter Dirks, Michael D. Taylor, Sidney Croul, David Malkin, and Uri Tabori

Précis: Monoallelic expression is a frequent event in brain tumors that is both gene- and tumor-specific and associated with tumor progression and aggressiveness.

Classifying Human Brain Tumors by Lipid Imaging with Mass Spectrometry

Précis: Rapid point-of-care methods of diagnosis offer the capability to optimize decision making during surgical operations and to improve planning for suitable adjuvant therapy postoperatively.

A Novel FoxM1-Caveolin Signaling Pathway Promotes Pancreatic Cancer Invasion and Metastasis
Chen Huang, Zhengjun Qiu, Liwei Wang, Zhihai Peng, Zhiliang Jia, Craig D. Logsdon, Xiangdong Le, Daoyan Wei, Suyun Huang, and Keping Xie

Précis: Findings reveal a core modifier pathway of metastasis in human cancer by defining a central transcriptional regulator of metastasis as a regulator of a master organizer of membrane lipid rafts that modifies many oncogenic signals.

Nucleotide Excision Repair Factor XPC Enhances DNA Damage–Induced Apoptosis by Downregulating the Antiapoptotic Short Isoform of Caspase-2
Qi-En Wang, Chunhua Han, Bo Zhang, Kanaga Sabapathy, and Altaf A. Wani

Précis: This article defining a new function for a DNA repair protein is important because it establishes a general mechanistic strategy to resuscitate a cell death pathway in p53-deficient tumor cells that may re sensitize them to many existing chemotherapeutic agents that act by inducing DNA damage.

Prevalent Serum Antibody Is Not a Marker of Immune Protection against Acquisition of Oncogenic HPV16 in Men

Précis: There appear to be differences in the way that men and women react to prior HPV exposure, such that the presence of HPV serum antibodies offers a suitable marker to predict immune protection against future genital infections in women, but not in men.

Mitochondrial DNA Sequence Variation and Risk of Pancreatic Cancer
Ernest T. Lam, Paige M. Bracci, Elizabeth A. Holly, Catherine Chu, Annie Poon, Eunice Wan, Krystal White, Pui-Yan Kwok, Ludmila Pawlikowska, and Gregory J. Tranah

Précis: The interface between cancer genetics and metabolomics may benefit from this advance in understanding how variations in mitochondrial DNA sequence, which vary more widely than the nuclear genome, may precisely influence cancer risk.

Urinary Estrogens and Estrogen Metabolites and Subsequent Risk of Breast Cancer among Premenopausal Women

Précis: This large study counterintuitively suggests that premenopausal women with higher levels of certain urinary estrogens may be at considerably lower risks of susceptibility to later breast cancers.

Genetic Determinants for Promoter Hypermethylation in the Lungs of Smokers: A Candidate Gene-Based Study
Shuguang Leng, Christine A. Stidley, Yushi Liu, Christopher K. Edlund, Randall P. Willink, Young Hun Han, Maria Teresa Landi, Michael Thun, Maria A. Picchi, Shannon E. Bruse, Richard E. Crowell, David Van Den Berg, Neil E. Caporaso, Christopher I. Amos, Jill M. Siegfried, Johannes Tesfaigzi, Frank D. Gilliland, and Steven A. Belinsky

Précis: Genetic determinants of promoter hypermethylation in lung cells from smokers can be combined with clinical and somatic markers to improve risk assessment models for lung cancer.
Metronomic Dosing of BH3 Mimetic Small Molecule Yields Robust Antiangiogenic and Antitumor Effects
Atsushi Imai, Benjamin D. Zeitlin, Fernanda Visioli, Zhihong Dong, Zhaoceng Zhang, Sudha Krishnamurthy, Emily Light, Frank Worden, Shaomeng Wang, and Jacques E. Nor

Précis: The efficacy of targeted drugs that disrupt the function of certain Bcl-2 family proteins might be increased by continuous low-dose administration with the benefit of decreased side effects.

Sphingosine-1-Phosphate Produced by Sphingosine Kinase 1 Promotes Breast Cancer Progression by Stimulating Angiogenesis and Lymphangiogenesis
Masayuki Nagahashi, Subramaniam Ramachandran, Eugene Y. Kim, Jeremy C. Allegood, Omar M. Rashid, Akimitsu Yamada, Renping Zhao, Sheldon Mlštien, Huiping Zhou, Sarah Spiegel, and Kazuaki Takabe

Précis: A generalized therapy that targets both arms of the angiogenic process that supplies blood to tumors and drains metastatic cells from them may be achieved by inhibiting production of a critical bioactive lipid mediator, as illustrated in this preclinical breast cancer study.

A Pharmacologic Inhibitor of the Protease Tapseiel Effectively Inhibits Breast and Brain Tumor Growth

Précis: Findings offer a preclinical demonstration of the selective antitumor properties for small molecule inhibitors of a protein threonine endopeptidase implicated in initiating and maintaining cancer pathophysiology.
Monofunctional Platinum–DNA Adducts Are Strong Inhibitors of Transcription and Substrates for Nucleotide Excision Repair in Live Mammalian Cells
Guangyu Zhu, MyatNoezrin Myint, Wee Han Ang, Lina Song, and Stephen J. Lippard

Précis: Platinum complexes that form monofunctional adducts on targeted DNA may be more potent than the most widely used platinum anticancer drug, cisplatin.

Tumor-Initiating Cells in Childhood Neuroblastoma—Letter
Sofie Mohlin, Alexander Pietras, Caroline Wigerup, Ingrid Øra, Michael Andersson, Kenneth Nilsson, Tor Olofsson, David Gisselsson, and Sven Pahlman

Tumor-Initiating Cells in Childhood Neuroblastoma—Response
Loen M. Hansford and David R. Kaplan

Précis: Traditional cytotoxic chemotherapies work best against cycling cells, but against the majority of noncycling cells in tumors, strategies to augment their much weaker effects might greatly increase patient responses and survival.

Correction: Tumor Cells Secrete Galectin-1 to Enhance Endothelial Cell Activity

Correction: Decreased Lymphangiogenesis and Lymph Node Metastasis by mTOR Inhibition in Head and Neck Cancer

Correction: Hypoxia Induces Escape from Innate Immunity in Cancer Cells via Increased Expression of ADAM10: Role of Nitric Oxide

Précis: Results identify the SMYD3 histone methyltransferase as an important new regulator of MMP9, an extracellular matrix protease that is a key regulator of metastatic cancer progression.

Human hS100A7/psoriasin has been shown to be highly expressed in invasive breast tumors and is associated with increased inflammatory cell infiltrates. Using a novel transgenic mouse model, we have shown that overexpression of mS100a7a15, the murine homolog of hS100A7/psoriasin, enhances breast tumor growth by activating proinflammatory and metastatic pathways through recruitment of tumor-associated macrophages. The figure demonstrates ductal hyperplasia in mammary epithelial cells in mS100a7a15 overexpressing mice, as detected by hematoxylin and eosin staining. For details, see the article by Nasser and colleagues on page 604 of this issue.
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