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Myeloid Progenitor Cells in the Premetastatic Lung Promote Metastases by Inducing Mesenchymal to Epithelial Transition

Dingcheng Gao, Natasha Joshi, Hyejin Choi, Seongho Ryu, Mary Hahn, Raul Catena, Helen Sadik, Pedram Argani, Patrick Wagner, Linda T. Vahdat, Jeffrey L. Port, Brendon Stiles, Saraswati Sukumar, Nasser K. Altorki, Shahin Rafii, and Vivek Mittal

Précis: Bone marrow cells attracted to the lungs of breast cancer patients interact with metastatic tumor cells to stimulate mesenchymal to epithelial transition, thereby promoting tumor progression.

Bioactivity and Prognostic Significance of Growth Differentiation Factor GDF15 Secreted by Bone Marrow Mesenchymal Stem Cells in Multiple Myeloma

Jill Corre, Elodie Labat, Nicolas Espagnolle, Benjamin Hébraud, Hervé Avet-Loiseau, Murielle Roussel, Anne Huynh, Mélanie Gadelorge, Pierre Cordelier, Bernard Klein, Philippe Moreau, Thierry Facon, Jean-Jacques Fournié, Michel Attal, and Philippe Bourin

Précis: A cytokine commonly oversecreted by the bone marrow microenvironment in multiple myeloma acts as a critical cell survival and chemoprotective factor in this deadly cancer, providing insight into how the microenvironment sustains the disease and how its support might be curtailed.

Melanoma Cells Inhibit Natural Killer Cell Function by Modulating the Expression of Activating Receptors and Cytolytic Activity

Gabriella Pietra, Claudia Manzini, Silvia Rivara, Massimo Vitale, Claudia Cantoni, Andrea Petretto, Mirna Balsamo, Romana Conte, Roberto Benelli, Simona Mingelli, Nicola Solari, Marina Gualco, Paola Queirolo, Lorenzo Moretta, and Maria Cristina Mingari

Précis: This study reveals that tumors erect immunosuppressive barriers against natural killer cells that are mechanistically related to the barriers used to thwart antitumor T cells, unifying the strategies used by tumors to achieve immune escape.

Leptin Mediates Tumor–Stromal Interactions That Promote the Invasive Growth of Breast Cancer Cells

Ines Barone, Stefania Catalano, Luca Gelsomino, Stefania Marsico, Cinzia Giordano, Salvatore Panza, Daniela Bonofilio, Gianluca Bossi, Kyle R. Coviington, Suzanne A.W. Fuqua, and Sebastiano Andò

Précis: A cytokine that drives obesity is found to promote breast cancer progression by supporting cross-talk between estrogen receptor–positive breast cancer cells and cancer-supporting stromal cells in the tumor microenvironment.

Endothelial Expression of TNF Receptor-1 Generates a Proapoptotic Signal Inhibited by Integrin α6β1 in Glioblastoma


Précis: Findings provide new insights into the dual nature of TNFα in cancer by showing how it acts in tumor-associated endothelial cells to force the tumor to evolve mechanisms of survival that rely upon a laminin-binding integrin that can attenuate the death signals induced by TNF.

Modulation of Glucose Metabolism by CD44 Contributes to Antioxidant Status and Drug Resistance in Cancer Cells

Mayumi Tamada, Osamu Nagano, Seiji Tateyama, Mitsuyo Ohmura, Toshifumi Yae, Takatsugu Ishimoto, Eiji Sugihara, Nobuyuki Onishi, Takehiro Yamamoto, Hiroshi Yanagawa, Makoto Suematsu, and Hideyuki Saya

Précis: CD44, a marker of cancer stem-like cells, is found to promote glycolytic energy production and drug resistance by regulating pyruvate kinase M2, an enzyme emerging as a key nodal point in cancer cell metabolism.

CD44 Proteolysis Increases CREB Phosphorylation and Sustains Proliferation of Thyroid Cancer Cells

Valentina De Falco, Anna Tamburriino, Simona Ventre, Maria Domenica Castellone, Mouhammad Malek, Serge N. Manié, and Massimo Santoro

Précis: Important connections are found for a suspected regulator of cancer stem-like properties and epithelial–mesenchymal transition with a master transcription factor that globally controls cell growth, division, survival, and invasion processes in cancer.
Dietary Cadmium Exposure and Risk of Postmenopausal Breast Cancer: A Population-Based Prospective Cohort Study
Bettina Julin, Alicja Wolk, Leif Bergkvist, Matteo Bottai, and Agneta Åkesson

Précis: Dietary intake of the food contaminant cadmium, recently shown to exert an estrogen-like activity in vivo, is reported in this study to be associated with increased breast cancer incidence.

3′-UTR and Functional Secretor Haplotypes in Mannose-Binding Lectin 2 Are Associated with Increased Colon Cancer Risk in African Americans
Krista A. Zanetti, Majda Haznadar, Judith A. Welsh, Ana I. Robles, Brid M. Ryan, Andrew C. McClary, Elise D. Bowman, Julie E. Goodman, Toralll Bernig, Stephen J. Chanock, and Curtis C. Harris

Précis: Genetic variants in a lectin molecule that regulates the innate immune system appear to affect the risk of colon cancer in U.S. individuals of African but not Caucasian descent.

Mammographic Breast Density and Breast Cancer: Evidence of a Shared Genetic Basis

Précis: This study offers preclinical proof-of-concept for a second-generation antiandrogen, now in phase I/II clinical trials, which offers superior characteristics predicting more robust and durable clinical responses and fewer side effects compared with related competing agents.

Long implicated in cancer, fatty acid synthase is reported here to contribute strongly to metastatic progression of colorectal cancer, increasing its potential attractiveness as a therapeutic target for advanced stages of this disease where effective treatments remain badly needed.
Tumor and Stem Cell Biology

1518  Tpx2 Controls Spindle Integrity, Genome Stability, and Tumor Development
Cristina Aguirre-Portoles, Alexander W. Bird, Anthony Hyman, Marta Cañamero, Ignacio Pérez de Castro, and Marcos Malumbres

Précis: Findings establish a key functional role in human cancer for an activator of the mitotic kinase Aurora A, a target of small-molecule drugs currently being tested in clinical trials.

1529  PTP1B Is an Androgen Receptor–Regulated Phosphatase That Promotes the Progression of Prostate Cancer
Laurent Lessard, David P. Labbé, Geneviève Deblois, Louis R. Bégin, Serge Hardy, Anne-Marie Mes-Masson, Fred Saad, Lloyd C. Trotman, Vincent Giguère, and Michel L. Tremblay

Précis: Findings offer preclinical support for a protein tyrosine phosphatase as a candidate therapeutic target in both early androgen-dependent or more advanced castration-resistant prostate cancers.

1538  PGC-1α Promotes the Growth of ErbB2/Neu–Induced Mammary Tumors by Regulating Nutrient Supply
Eva Klimcakova, Valérie Chénard, Shawn McGuirk, David Germain, Daina Avizonis, William J. Muller, and Julie St-Pierre

Précis: Findings suggest that breast cancer patients with HER2-positive tumors might benefit the most from treatment with antiangiogenic drugs, addressing an important question of great current interest.

1547  Differential WNT Activity in Colorectal Cancer Confers Limited Tumorogenic Potential and Is Regulated by MAPK Signaling
David Horst, Justina Chen, Teppei Morikawa, Shuji Ogino, Thomas Kirchner, and Ramesh A. Shivdasani

Précis: Findings that MAPK pathway status is a critical modifier of WNT signaling in colorectal cancers challenge the idea that WNT pathway activation on its own is sufficient for tumor-initiating potential, with potential implications for understanding how tumor heterogeneity affects molecular targeted therapeutic approaches.

1557  KrasG12D and p53 Mutation Cause Primary Intrahepatic Cholangiocarcinoma
Michael R. O’Dell, Jing Li Huang, Christa L. Whitney-Miller, Vikram Deshpande, Paul Rothberg, Valerie Grose, Randall M. Rossi, Andrew X. Zhu, Hartmut Land, Nabeel Bardeesy, and Aram F. Hezel

Précis: This study addresses the persistent need for a histologically accurate model of cholangiocarcinoma, a relatively rare but deadly cancer of the liver bile duct that is rising worldwide in incidence in recent decades without a useful animal model for preclinical drug development.

1557  Correction: Expression of the Neurotrophin Receptor TrkA Down-Regulates Expression and Function of Angiogenic Stimulators in SH-SY5Y Neuroblastoma Cells

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ABOUT THE COVER

ARN-509 is a clinical stage, nonsteroidal antiandrogen discovered in an effort to identify full androgen receptor (AR) antagonists in the setting of AR overexpression, a key determinant of acquired resistance to first generation antiandrogens. ARN-509 exhibits robust antitumor activity in the clinically validated LNCaP/AR model of castration-resistant prostate cancer (CRPC), resulting in tumor regression via a decrease in proliferation and increase in apoptosis. The cover shows a hematoxylin and eosin stained tissue section from a LNCaP/AR xenograft tumor following ARN-509 treatment. There is significantly reduced cellularity with increased deposition of extracellular matrix compared to vehicle treatment. Based on preclinical efficacy coupled with its excellent pharmacokinetic properties and high therapeutic index, ARN-509 has entered clinical development in men with CRPC. For details, see the article by Clegg and colleagues on page 1494 of this issue.