CD73-Deficient Mice Are Resistant to Carcinogenesis
John Stagg, Paul A. Beavis, Uppulurie Disike, Mira C.P. Liu, Andreas Moller, Phillip K. Darcy, and Mark J. Smyth
Précis: This important study offers a preclinical genetic and pharmacologic validation of CD73, a cell-surface enzyme that generates the immune-suppressive nucleoside adenosine, as a critical contributor to immune escape during tumorigenesis and a tractable therapeutic target.

Bone Marrow Stromal Cells Create a Permissive Microenvironment for Myeloma Development: A New Stromal Role for Wnt Inhibitor Dkk1
Jessica A. Fowler, Gregory R. Mundy, Seint T. Lwin, and Claire M. Edwards
Précis: Findings define a pivotal role for the Wnt inhibitor Dkk1 in the stromal cells of the bone marrow microenvironment, which supports development of deadly myeloma blood tumors.
A Galectin-3–Dependent Pathway Upregulates Interleukin-6 in the Microenvironment of Human Neuroblastoma
Ayaka M. Silverman, Rie Nakata, Hirohiko Shimada, Richard Sposto, and Yves A. DeClerck
Précis: This study reveals that a regulator of immune escape in the tumor microenvironment regulates the proinflammatory cytokine IL-6, a pivotal modifier of cancer progression.

Tumor Angiogenesis Mediated by Myeloid Cells Is Negatively Regulated by CEACAM1
Rongze Lu, Maciej Kujawski, Hao Pan, and John E. Shively
Précis: A cell-surface receptor on myeloid cells that inhibits tumor growth is found to restrict production of a proangiogenic growth factor that promotes the growth of the tumor vasculature.

Chromatin Remodeling Underlies the Senescence-Associated Secretory Phenotype of Tumor Stromal Fibroblasts That Supports Cancer Progression
Ermira Pazolli, Elise Alspach, Agnieszka Milczarek, Julie Prior, David Piwnica-Worms, and Sheila A. Stewart
Précis: A significant part of the risk provided by aging in cancer may be derived from the contributions of senescent stromal fibroblasts that fuel malignant progression through at least 2 independent signaling cascades activated in response to chromatin changes.

Genetic Ablation of Cav1 Differentially Affects Melanoma Tumor Growth and Metastasis in Mice: Role of Cav1 in Shh Heterotypic Signaling and Transendothelial Migration
Franco Capozza, Casey Trimmer, Remedios Castello-Cros, Sanjay Katyar, Diana Whitaker-Menezes, Antonia Follenzi, Marco Crosario, Gemma Llaverias, Federica Sotgia, Richard G. Pestell, and Michael P. Lisanti
Précis: Reinforcing the need to study cancer in an organismal context to gain deeper understanding, a core scaffolding protein in lipid rafts is found to regulate the growth of primary tumors and metastases quite differently.

The SUMO E3-ligase PIAS1 Regulates the Tumor Suppressor PML and Its Oncogenic Counterpart PML-RARA
Andrea Rabellini, Brandon Carter, Georgia Konstantinidou, Shwu-Yuan Wu, Alessandro Rimesi, Lauren A. Byers, John V. Heymach, Luc Girard, Cheng-Ming Chiang, Julie Teruya-Feldstein, and Pier Paolo Scaglioni
Précis: Findings offer mechanistic insights into how the sumoylation machinery modifies oncogenic signals regulated by the tumor suppressor PML, and also the therapeutic response to leukemias involving PML mutations.

Intragenic ATM Methylation in Peripheral Blood DNA as a Biomarker of Breast Cancer Risk
Kevin Brennan, Montserrat Garcia-Closas, Nick Orr, Olivia Fletcher, Michael Jones, Alan Ashworth, Anthony Swerdlow, Heather Thorne on behalf of KConFab Investigators, Elio Riboli, Paolo Vineis, Miren Dorronsoro, Francoise Clavel-Chapelon, Salvatore Panico, N. Charlotte Onland-Moret, Dimitrios Trichopoulos, Rudolf Kaaks, Kay-Tee Khaw, Robert Brown, and James M. Flanagan
Précis: As cancer risk studies move from genome to epigenome associations, the use of DNA isolated from peripheral blood cells offers an easily accessible sample type for epigenome-wide association studies.
Effects of a Caloric Restriction Weight Loss Diet and Exercise on Inflammatory Biomarkers in Overweight/Obese Postmenopausal Women: A Randomized Controlled Trial
Ikuyo Imayama, Cornelia M. Ulrich, Catherine M. Allano, Chiachi Wang, Liren Xiao, Mark H. Wener, Kristin L. Campbell, Catherine Duggan, Karen E. Foster-Schubert, Angela Kong, Caitlin E. Mason, Ching-Yun Wang, George L. Blackburn, Carolyn E. Bain, Henry J. Thompson, and Anne McTiernan
Précis: Findings suggest that weight loss with or without exercise may reduce risk of breast cancer, possibly due to a reduction in systemic inflammation that may support tumor development or progression.

Immune Response Is an Important Aspect of the Antitumor Effect Produced by a CD40L-Encoding Oncolytic Adenovirus
Précis: Findings detail the development of a new generation of oncolytic adenoviruses that is armed with CD40L, which results in the induction of a TH1-type immune response that causes accumulation of cytotoxic T cells at the tumor site and increased antitumor efficacy.

Novel MT1-MMP Small-Molecule Inhibitors Based on Insights into Hemopexin Domain Function in Tumor Growth
Albert G. Remacle, Vladislav S. Golubkov, Sergey A. Shiryaev, Russell Dahl, John L. Stebbins, Andrei V. Chernov, Anton V. Cheltsov, Maurizio Pellecchia, and Alex Y. Strongin
Précis: Findings reveal that targeting a regulatory domain of increasing pharmacologic interest in matrix metalloproteases and other proteins can exert potent antitumor properties.
Dithiolethiones Inhibit NF-κB Activity via Covalent Modification in Human Estrogen Receptor–Negative Breast Cancer

Christopher H. Switzer, Robert Y.-S. Cheng, Lisa A. Ridnour, Margaret C. Murray, Valerio Tazzari, Anna Sparatore, Piero Del Soldato, Harry B. Hines, Sharon A. Glynn, Stefan Ambs, and David A. Wink

Précis: A novel chemical mechanism to inhibit NF-κB activation in aggressive estrogen receptor-negative breast cancers may blunt their invasive capabilities.

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p120RasGAP-Mediated Activation of c-Src Is Critical for Oncogenic Ras to Induce Tumor Invasion

Po-Chao Chan and Hong-Chen Chen

Précis: The requirement for c-Src in tumor invasion evoked by oncogenic Ras has implications for the development of therapies to target the Ras pathway, long a goal of the field.

Estrogen Receptor Alpha Mediates Progestin-Induced Mammary Tumor Growth by Interacting with Progesterone Receptors at the Cyclin D1/MYC Promoters

Sebastián Giulianielli, José P. Vaqué, Rocío Soldati, Victoria Wargon, Silvia I. Vanzulli, Rubén Martins, Eduardo Zeitlin, Alfredo A. Molinolo, Luisa A. Helguero, Caroline A. Lamb, J. Silvio Gutkind, and Claudia Lanari

Précis: Antiestrogens block progesterone-induced tumor growth because they disrupt estrogen receptor–progesterone receptor interactions that are essential for target gene transcription.

Proteomic Portrait of Human Breast Cancer Progression Identifies Novel Prognostic Markers

Tamar Geiger, Stephen F. Madden, William M. Gallagher, Juergen Cox, and Matthias Mann

Précis: In performing the deepest proteomic analysis of breast cancer progression to date, this study identifies novel prognostic markers for overall survival that function in metabolic and secretory processes.

Suppression of the Epithelial–Mesenchymal Transition by Grainyhead-like-2

Benjamin Cieply, Philip Riley IV, Phillip M. Pifer, Joseph Widmeyer, Joseph B. Addison, Alexey V. Ivanov, James Denvir, and Steven M. Frisch

Précis: A gene involved in wound healing and neural tube closure is found to be a suppressor of oncogenic epithelial–mesenchymal transition, a pivotal process in cancer cells that is tightly associated with the capacity for metastatic progression.

ABOUT THE COVER

Galectin-3 binding protein, a glycoprotein produced by neuroblastoma cells, upregulates the expression of interleukin-6 in bone marrow mesenchymal cells by interacting with galectin-3. Using immunofluorescence, it was found that the galectin-3 binding protein colocalizes with galectin-3 at the surface and in the cytosol of mesenchymal cells. This interaction generates a Ras/MEK/ERK-dependent signal that transcriptionally upregulates the production of interleukin-6 in the bone marrow microenvironment. Activation of this pathway contributes to neuroblastoma bone metastasis. For details, see article by Silverman and colleagues on page 2228 of this issue.