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Précis: This study advances mechanistic understanding for the anticancer properties of a natural flavonoid that can prevent tumorigenesis, reverse EMT, and block metastasis with limited toxicity in various types of cancer.

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Précis: The new class of Bcl-XL inhibitors identified in this report exhibits distinct specificities and strong potency against lung cancer and acquired radioresistance in this setting.

Werner Syndrome Helicase Has a Critical Role in DNA Damage Responses in the Absence of a Functional Fanconi Anemia Pathway


Précis: These findings advance our understanding of cellular resistance to a DNA crosslinking agent used to combat cancer, implicating the WRN helicase as a target for inhibition in cells defective in the Fanconi anemia pathway of DNA repair targeted by certain chemotherapy strategies.

A Synthetic Lethality–Based Strategy to Treat Cancers Harboring a Genetic Deficiency in the Chromatin Remodeling Factor BRG1

Takahiro Oike, Hideaki Ogiwara, Yuichi Tominaga, Kentaro Ito, Osamu Ando, Koji Tsuta, Tatsuji Mizukami, Yoko Shimada, Hisanori Iosmura, Mayumi Komachi, Koh Furuta, Shun-Ichi Watanabe, Takashi Nakano, Jun Yokota, and Takashi Kohno

Précis: These results offer a rationale for an epigenetic-based treatment of many lung cancers and other common cancers lacking known therapeutic gene mutations, providing a broad catchment strategy for treatment.

AC1MMYR2, an Inhibitor of Dicer-Mediated Biogenesis of Oncomir miR-21, Reverses Epithelial–Mesenchymal Transition and Suppresses Tumor Growth and Progression

Zhendong Shi, Junxia Zhang, Xiaomin Qian, Lei Han, Kaiali Zhang, Luayue Chen, Jilong Liu, Yu Ren, Ming Yang, Anling Zhang, Peiyu Pu, and Chunsheng Kang

Précis: This study offers a novel, high-throughput method to screen for small-molecule inhibitors of microRNA maturation and presents an inhibitor of oncomir miR-21 maturation as a candidate antitumor drug.

SOX2 Expression Associates with Stem Cell State in Human Ovarian Carcinoma

Petra M. Bareiss, Anna Paczulla, Hui Wang, Rebekka Schairer, Stefan Wiehr, Ursula Kohlhofer, Oliver C. Rothfuss, Anna Fischer, Sven Perner, Annette Staehler, Diethelm Wallwiener, Falko Fend, Tanja Fehm, Bernd Pichler, Lothar Kanz, Leticia Quintanilla-Martinez, Klaus Schulze-Osthoff, Frank Essmann, and Claudia Lengerke

Précis: The embryonic protein SOX2, which serves as a cancer stem cell marker in a variety of cancers, is shown here to induce the tumor-initiating capacity of serous ovarian carcinoma cells.

Hbo1 Is a Cyclin E/CDK2 Substrate That Enriches Breast Cancer Stem-like Cells

MyLinh T. Duong, Said Akli, Sira Macalou, Anna Biernacka, Bisrat G. Debeb, Min Yi, Kelly K. Hunt, and Khandan Keyomarsi

Précis: The increased oncogenic potency of cyclin E proteolytic cleavage products, which accumulate in some breast cancers, relates to their ability to promote EMT and cancer stem-like properties, the mechanistic aspects of which have immediate therapeutic implications.
MUC1 Is a Potential Target for the Treatment of Acute Myeloid Leukemia Stem Cells
Dina Stroopinsky, Jacalyn Rosenblatt, Keisuke Ito, Heidi Mills, Li Yin, Hasan Rajabi, Baldev Vasir, Turner Kufe, Katarina Luptakova, Jon Arnason, Caterina Nardella, James D. Levine, Robin M. Joyce, Ilene Galinsky, Yoram Reiter, Richard M. Stone, Pier Paolo Pandolfi, Donald Kufe, and David Avigan

Précis: A mucin gene widely upregulated in solid cancers and studied as an immunotherapeutic target is reported here to serve as a leukemia stem cell marker, broadening interest in its potential uses to better define or eradicate malignancy.

CIGALT1 Enhances Proliferation of Hepatocellular Carcinoma Cells via Modulating MET Glycosylation and Dimerization
Yao-Ming Wu, Chiung-Hui Liu, Miao-Juei Huang, Hong-Shiee Lai, Po-Huang Lee, Rey-Heng Hu, and Min-Chuan Huang

Précis: These findings offer evidence in support of an O-glycosyl transferase as an appealing therapeutic target to develop for treatment of liver cancer.

Distinct FAK Activities Determine Progenitor and Mammary Stem Cell Characteristics
Ming Liao, Xiaofeng Zhao, Song Chen, Suling Liu, Max S. Whica, and Jun-Lin Guan

Précis: These findings define distinct kinase-dependent and kinase-independent activities of the FAK kinase that permit therapeutic strategies to address cancer heterogeneity more effectively, a major challenge for molecular targeted therapeutics generally.

Correction: Cancer Angiogenesis Induced by Kaposi’s Sarcoma-Associated Herpesvirus Is Mediated by EZH2

Correction: Emil Frei III, MD: In Memoriam (1924–2013)

ABOUT THE COVER
The tumor microenvironment contains numerous cellular elements, such as cancer-associated fibroblasts (CAF) and activated myofibroblasts that participate in fibrovascular, vascular, and chemo/cytokine support of tumors. Using bone marrow transplant recipient mice harboring CD44 knockout (KO) mesenchymal stem cells (MSC), the precursor population for CAFs and myofibroblasts, Spaeth and colleagues observed the inability of engrafted CD44-KO stromal cells to provide tumor support, to generate vascular support, and importantly, to transition from the benign MSC phenotype to the tumor-supportive aggressive myofibroblast phenotype. The spectrally unmixed image displays smooth muscle actin + CAFs and myofibroblasts (red) from bone marrow derived CD44-KO (green) MSC in the tumor microenvironment. For details, see article by Spaeth and colleagues on page 5347.
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