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Précis: This study is the first to characterize rearrangement-driven expression of activated splice variants of the androgen receptor, which arise in advanced prostate cancer as a mechanism of resistance to the next generation of antiandrogen drugs.

490 Macrophage Delivery of an Oncolytic Virus Abolishes Tumor Regrowth and Metastasis after Chemotherapy or Irradiation
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Précis: The use of tumor-homing macrophages to deliver an oncolytic virus may leverage favorable responses to chemotherapy in cancer, potentially identifying a niche to apply a technology that has yet to produce much clinical impact.

496 Disruption of Wild-Type IDH1 Suppresses D-2-Hydroxyglutarate Production in IDH1-Mutated Gliomas
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Précis: Findings provide insights into how an important oncometabolite is produced by a particularly deadly subset of gliomas, with implications for prognosis and therapy.

502 Pharmacological Inhibition of the Wnt Acyltransferase PORCN Prevents Growth of WNT-Driven Mammary Cancer
Kyle David Profitt, Babita Madan, Zhiyuan Ke, Vishal Pendharkar, Lijun Ding, May Ann Lee, Rami N. Hannoush, and David M. Virshup
Précis: This study offers preclinical proof of concept for a safe and effective strategy to target the many types of tumors driven by a deregulated Wnt pathway.

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508 Proinflammatory Homeobox Gene, ISX, Regulates Tumor Growth and Survival in Hepatocellular Carcinoma
Shih-Hsien Hsu, Li-Ting Wang, King-Teh Lee, Yao-Li Chen, Kwai-Yan Liu, Jau-Ling Suen, Chee-Yin Chai, and Shen-Nien Wang
Précis: An intestinal homeodomain protein widely overexpressed in liver cancer may provide a key connection between long-term chronic inflammation and malignant development.

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Andreas U. Lindner, Caominh G. Concannon, Gerhardt J. Boukes, Mary D. Cannon, Fabien Llambi, Deborah Ryan, Karen Boland, Joan Kehoe, Deborah A. McNamara, Frank Murray, Elaine W. Kay, Suzanne Hector, Douglas R. Green, Heinrich J. Huber, and Jochen H.M. Prehn
Précis: This study reports the development of a computational tool that can reliably predict colon cancer patient responses to chemotherapy and might also be useful for prognosis and patient stratification in the future.
Hyperpolarized $^{13}$C-Pyruvate Magnetic Resonance Reveals Rapid Lactate Export in Metastatic Renal Cell Carcinomas
Kayvan R. Keshari, Renuka Sriram, Bertram L. Koelsch, Mark Van Creveld, David M. Wilson, John Kurhanewicz, and Zhen J. Wang

Précis: This preclinical study offers proof of concept for a noninvasive characterization of dynamic cellular metabolism and transporter expression in cancer, with the potential to determine tumor aggressiveness and treatment responses.

VEGFA-VEGFR Pathway Blockade Inhibits Tumor-Induced Regulatory T-cell Proliferation in Colorectal Cancer
Magali Terme, Simon Pernot, Elie Marcheteau, Federico Sandoval, Nadine Benhamouda, Orianne Colussi, Olivier Dubreuil, Antoine F. Carpentier, Eric Tartour, and Julien Taieb

Précis: A central pathway of tumor angiogenesis also has a pivotal role in driving immune escape, illustrating a tight integration of pathways driving malignant progression.

Cell Surface Receptor FPR2 Promotes Antitumor Host Defense by Limiting M2 Polarization of Macrophages
Ying Liu, Keqiang Chen, Chunyan Wang, Wanghua Gong, Teizo Yoshimura, Mingyong Liu, and Ji Ming Wang

Précis: A G protein-coupled receptor implicated in airway inflammation responses supports immune surveillance by restraining macrophages to the tumor cell–killing M1 phenotype.

CD40-Mediated Activation of Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia Cells Promotes Their CD44-Dependent Adhesion to Hyaluronan and Restricts CCL21-Induced Motility
Tamara Girbl, Elisabeth Hintserer, Eva Melanie Grüssinger, Daniela Asdlaber, Karin Oberascher, Lukas Weiss, Cornelia Hauser-Kronberger, Daniel Neureiter, Hubert Kerschbaum, David Naor, Ronen Alon, Richard Greil, and Tanja Nicole Hartmann

Précis: The evolution of a specific adhesion event in the lymph node microenvironment where a particular leukemia arises is found to be a critical event in determining the outgrowth of these cancers.

CXCR2 Expression in Tumor Cells is a Poor Prognostic Factor and Promotes Invasion and Metastasis in Lung Adenocarcinoma
Pierre Saintigny, Erminia Massarelli, Steven Lin, Young-Ho Ahn, Yulon Chen, Sangeeta Goswami, Baruch Erez, Michael S. O’Reilly, Diane Liu, J. Jack Lee, Li Zhang, Yuan Ping, Carmen Behrens, Luisa M. Solis Soto, John V. Heymach, Edward S. Kim, Roy S. Herbst, Scott M. Lippman, Ignacio L. Wistuba, Wuaan Ki Hong, Jonathan M. Kurie, and Ja Seok Koo

Précis: A logical strategy to treat smoking-associated lung cancers is suggested by the definition of a proinflammatory signaling axis that cooperates with Bax mutations commonly found in this disease.

Lysyl Oxidase Plays a Critical Role in Endothelial Cell Stimulation to Drive Tumor Angiogenesis
Ann-Marie Baker, Demelza Bird, Jonathan C. Welti, Morgane Gourlaouen, Georgina Lang, Graeme I. Murray, Andrew R. Reynolds, Thomas R. Cox, and Janine T. Erler

Précis: Findings point to a new general mechanism for restricting VEGF-driven tumor angiogenesis, with important clinical and therapeutic implications in a wide variety of solid tumor types.

High-Avidity T Cells Are Preferentially Tolerized in the Tumor Microenvironment

Précis: T cells that are designed to be more potent for antitumor activity appear to lose their ability to control tumor growth when they persist in the tumor, offering new insights into why T-cell immunotherapies may fail.

Durable Adoptive Immunotherapy for Leukemia Produced by Manipulation of Multiple Regulatory Pathways of CD8$^+$ T-Cell Tolerance

Précis: Simultaneous inhibition of the CTLA4, PD1, and LAG3 pathways of T-cell tolerance can relieve immune escape in leukemia and empower durable responses to adoptively transferred tumor-reactive T cells.
CD103 or LFA-1 Engagement at the Immune Synapse between Cytotoxic T Cells and Tumor Cells Promotes Maturation and Regulates T-cell Effector Functions

Katarzyna Franciszkiewicz, Audrey Le Fléch, Marie Boutet, Isabelle Vergnon, Alain Schmitt, and Fathia Mami-Chouaib

Précis: This study shows how integrins that regulate the strength of the interaction between tumor cells and tumor-reactive T cells can alter their killing efficiency.

Tissue Damage–Associated "Danger Signals" Influence T-cell Responses That Promote the Progression of Preneoplasia to Cancer

Ying He, Jikun Zha, Yamin Wang, Wenhua Liu, Xuanming Yang, and Ping Yu

Précis: Release of the tissue damage-associated molecule HMGB1 by budding prostate tumors exerts an early impact on immune escape and malignant progression.

Homing of Human B Cells to Lymphoid Organs and B-Cell Lymphoma Engraftment Are Controlled by Cell Adhesion Molecule JAM-C

Carmen Doñate, Christiane Ody, Thomas McKee, Sylvie Ruault-Jungblut, Nicolas Fischer, Patricia Ropraz, Beat A. Imhof, and Thomas Matthes

Précis: Findings suggest an important new therapeutic target that may have general applications in the treatment of a variety of types of human lymphoma.

Expression of CD137 on Hodgkin and Reed–Sternberg Cells Inhibits T-cell Activation by Eliminating CD137 Ligand Expression

Weng Tong Ho, Wan Lu Pang, Siew Meng Chong, Antonio Castella, Subail Al-Salam, Teng Ee Tan, Mei Chung Moh, Liang Kai Koh, Shu Un Gan, Cheong Kin Cheng, and Herbert Schwarz

Précis: Findings show how Hodgkin lymphomas escape immune control, with implications for leveraging more effective immunotherapy to treat this disease.

Mycosis Fuzea and Recruits Macrophages to Promote Angiogenesis

Janine M. Low-Marchelli, Veronica C. Ardi, Edward A. Vizcarra, Nico van Rooijen, James P. Quigley, and Jing Yang

Précis: Findings show how a gene implicated in EMT and metastasis also promotes angiogenesis by recruiting macrophages into the tumor microenvironment.

Molecular and Cellular Pathobiology

MYC Acts via the PTEN Tumor Suppressor to Elicit Autoregulation and Genome-Wide Gene Repression by Activation of the Ezh2 Methyltransferase

Mandeep Kaur and Michael D. Cole

Précis: Results reveal a new model for MYC-mediated gene repression, which is linked to the PTEN tumor suppressor, possibly explaining the long-standing question of why MYC autoregulation is lost in cancers.

Nitric Oxide–Dependent Downregulation of BRCA1 Expression Promotes Genetic Instability

Vasily A. Yakovlev

Précis: This study offers an incisive new perspective on the complex role of reactive nitrogen species in cancer, revealing that they promote genetic instability not directly but indirectly by shifting DNA repair from high-fidelity to error-prone mechanisms.

Myeloid-Derived Suppressor Cells Function as Novel Osteoclast Progenitors Enhancing Bone Loss in Breast Cancer

Anandi Sawant, Jessy Deshan, Joel Jules, Carmella M. Lee, Brittnée A. Harris, Xu Feng, and Selvarangan Ponnazhagan

Précis: Seminal findings define a novel crucial role for myeloid-derived suppressor cells in driving bone metastasis, with implications for how to block this deadly aspect of many cancers including breast cancer.

Rankl Expression, Function, and Therapeutic Targeting in Multiple Myeloma and Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia

Benjamin Joachim Schmiedel, Carolin Andrea Scheible, Tina Nuebling, Hans-Georg Kopp, Stefan Wirths, Miyuki Azuma, Pascal Schneider, Gundram Jung, Ludger Grosse-Hovest, and Helmut Rainer Salih

Précis: Findings establish an immunotherapeutic means to neutralize the detrimental function of RANKL while potentially stimulating the antitumor properties of NK cells against malignant hematopoietic cells.
Identification of an Aurora Kinase Inhibitor Specific for the Aurora B Isoform
Hua Xie, Mee-Hyun Lee, Feng Zhu, Kanamata Reddy, Cong Peng, Yan Li, Do Young Lim, Dong Joon Kim, Xiang Li, Soouk Kang, Haitao Li, Weiya Ma, Ronald A. Lubet, Jian Ding, Ann M. Bode, and Zigang Dong

Precis: Although a variety of Aurora kinase inhibitors have been described, with some now in clinical trials, this is the first study to identify an inhibitor specific for the Aurora B isoform that appears to exert special features in cancer.

SMAD2, SMAD3 and SMAD4 Mutations in Colorectal Cancer

Precis: Through a combined analysis of SMAD gene mutations in colorectal cancer, this article shows a common pathogenic mechanism and a new way to understand how SMAD mutations compromise the TGF-β pathway.

Epigenetic Regulation by Z-DNA Silencer Function Controls Cancer-Associated ADAM-12 Expression in Breast Cancer: Cross-talk between MeCP2 and NFI Transcription Factor Family

Precis: Findings highlight a novel epigenetic regulatory process involving Z-DNA and several epigenetic factors that contribute to overexpression of breast cancer-associated genes.

Bcl3 Selectively Promotes Metastasis of ERBB2-Driven Mammary Tumors
Alison Wakefield, Jitka Soukupova, Amelie Montagne, Jill Ranger, Rhiannon French, William J. Muller, and Richard W. E. Clarkson

Precis: The study reveals that the oncogene Bcl3 is critical for breast cancer metastasis by controlling tumor cell motility.

miR-186 Downregulation Correlates with Poor Survival in Lung Adenocarcinoma Where It Interferes with Cell-Cycle Regulation
Junchao Cai, Jueheng Wu, Huizhong Zhang, Lishan Fang, Yongbo Huang, Yi Yang, Xun Zhu, Rong Li, and Mengfeng Li

Precis: Results define a tumor suppressor function for a microRNA that blocks cell-cycle progression by directly targeting the pivotal cell-cycle regulators cyclin D1, CDK2, and CDK6.

Common Single-Nucleotide Polymorphisms in the Estrogen Receptor β Promoter Are Associated with Colorectal Cancer Survival in Postmenopausal Women

Precis: Estrogen receptor β is suspected to play a role in colorectal cancer progression by modifying pathways that influence malignant invasion and metastasis.

Combination Therapy Targeting the Chk1 and Wee1 Kinases Shows Therapeutic Efficacy in Neuroblastoma

Precis: Findings offer preclinical proof of concept that inhibitors of a key mitotic regulator can be highly efficacious for treating neuroblastoma, one of the most aggressive pediatric tumors.

DNA Damage–Specific Control of Cell Death by Cryptochrome in p53-Mutant Ras–Transformed Cells
Jin Hyup Lee, Shobhan Gaddamreddi, Nuri Ozturk, Rui Ye, and Aziz Sancar

Precis: Findings show how different regulators of the circadian clock affect distinct pathways of intrinsic apoptosis in malignant cells.
Histone Deacetylase Inhibitor AR-42 Differentially Affects Cell-cycle Transit in Meningeal and Meningioma Cells, Potently Inhibiting NF2-Deficient Meningioma Growth
Sarah S. Burns, Elena M. Akhmametyeva, Janet L. Oblinger, Matthew L. Bush, Jie Huang, Volker Senner, Ching-Shih Chen, Abraham Jacob, D. Bradley Welling, and Long-Sheng Chang

De Novo Design of a Tumor-Penetrating Peptide
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Polo-like Kinase 1: A Potential Therapeutic Option in Combination with Conventional Chemotherapy for the Management of Patients with Triple-Negative Breast Cancer
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Targeting Folate Receptors to Treat Invasive Urinary Bladder Cancer

Deepika Dhawan, José A. Ramos-Vara, James F. Naughton, Liang Cheng, Philip S. Low, Ryan Rothenbuchler, Christopher P. Leamon, Nikki Parker, Patrick J. Klein, Ioncho R. Vlahov, Joseph A. Reddy, Michael Koch, Linda Murphy, Lindsey M. Foureiz, Jane C. Stewart, and Deborah W. Knapp

Précis: This preclinical pharmacologic study shows how folate receptors on bladder cancer cells can be exploited to specifically target therapies and elicit regressions in a highly relevant canine model of invasive disease.

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Hypomethylating Therapy in an Aggressive Stroma-Rich Model of Pancreatic Carcinoma

Reena Shaky, Tamas Gonda, Michael Quante, Martha Salas, Samuel Kim, Jenna Brooks, Steffen Hirsch, Justine Davies, Angelica Callo, Kenneth Olive, Timothy C. Wang, Matthias Szabolcs, Benjamin Tycko, and Thomas Ludwig

Précis: The prototypical demethylating drug 5-aza-dC exhibits strong single-agent activity in an aggressive mouse model of pancreatic cancer characterized by an abundant stroma that resembles human tumors, with the drug efficacy reflecting effects on both the stromal and the malignant epithelial compartments of the tumor.

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Therapeutic Effects of Deleting Cancer-Associated Fibroblasts in Cholangiocarcinoma


Précis: Preclinical observations suggest that the Bax mimetic drug navitoclax may be useful for triggering apoptosis of cancer-associated fibroblasts in the tumor microenvironment as a generalized strategy to attack solid tumors that rely on these cells.

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Glutathione-Deficient Mice have Increased Sensitivity to Transplacental Benzo[a]pyrene-Induced Premature Ovarian Failure and Ovarian Tumorigenesis

JinHyun Lim, Gregory W. Lawson, Brooke N. Nakamura, Laura Ortiz, Jin A. Hur, Terrance J. Kavanagh, and Ulrike Luderer

Précis: Provocative findings suggest insights into the etiology of ovarian cancers initiated in pregnant women by polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons found in tobacco smoke, air pollution, and grilled foods.

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RNA Trafficking by Acute Myelogenous Leukemia Exosomes


Précis: Cancer cells appear to subvert their microenvironment in part by secreting exosomes that transfer cancer-promoting proteins and RNAs into stromal cells.

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Convergence of the ZMIZ1 and NOTCH1 Pathways at C-MYC in Acute T Lymphoblastic Leukemias

Lesley A. Bakowski, Derek D. Garagiola, Choi M. Li, Margaret Decker, Sarah Caruso, Morgan Jones, Rork Kuick, Tomasz Cierpicki, Ivan Maillard, and Mark Y. Chiang

Précis: A novel oncogene that cooperates with NOTCH1 to drive C-MYC expression is critical to license the emergence of diverse solid and liquid tumors by NOTCH1.

Definition of Molecular Determinants of Prostate Cancer Cell Bone Extravasation


Précis: This study offers the first comprehensive mechanism of how metastatic cancer cells traverse the vascular endothelium.

Chromosome Instability Modulated by BMI1–AURKA Signaling Drives Progression in Head and Neck Cancer

Chun-Hung Chou, Neng-Kai Yang, Ting-Yun Liu, Shy-Kuan Tai, Dennis Shin-Shian Hsu, Ya-Wei Chen, Yann-Jang Chen, Cheng-Chi Chang, Cheng-Hwai Tzeng, and Muh-Hwa Yang

Précis: This important study reveals a mechanistic link between cancer progression and chromosomal instability, and it provides a rationale for clinical evaluation of Aurora kinase inhibitors to treat a type of cancer with a rapidly rising incidence.

DKK2 Mediates Osteolysis, Invasiveness, and Metastatic Spread in Ewing Sarcoma


Précis: A family of antagonists of the Wnt pathway drives bone invasion and osteolysis in Ewing sarcoma, an aggressive pediatric malignancy, with implications for understanding bone invasion more generally.
Novel Oncogene–Induced Metastatic Prostate Cancer Cell Lines Define Human Prostate Cancer Progression Signatures
Xiaoming Ju, Adam Ertel, Mathew C. Casimiro, Zuoren Yu, Hui Meng, Peter A. McCue, Rhonda Walters, Paolo Fortina, Michael P. Lisanti, and Richard G. Pestell

Précis: Murine prostate cancer cell lines that can metastasize in immunocompetent hosts accurately reflect the genomic and transcriptomic changes that occur in human prostate cancer and provide an improved set of tools for the field to test new therapies.

Loss of miR-204 Expression Enhances Glioma Migration and Stem Cell-like Phenotype
Zhe Ying, Yun Li, Jueheng Wu, Xin Zhu, Yi Yang, Han Tian, Wei Li, Bo Hu, Shi-Yuan Cheng, and Mengfeng Li

Précis: Findings define a microRNA that controls the development of stem cell–like phenotypes and cell motility in malignant brain cancer cells, with possible implications in cancer stem cell–like functions generally.

Dual Functions of the Homeoprotein DLX4 in Modulating Responsiveness of Tumor Cells to Topoisomerase II-Targeting Drugs
Bon Q. Trinh, Song Yi Ko, Nicolas Barengo, Shiah-Yih Lin, and Honami Naora

Précis: This provocative study may explain why some tumors respond poorly to drugs that target topoisomerase II despite expressing high levels of this chromatin maintenance factor.

Novel Mechanism of Apoptosis Resistance in Cancer Mediated by Extracellular PAR-4
Ravshan Burikhanov, Tripti Shrestha-Bhattarai, Shirley Qiu, Nulhi Shukla, Nikhil Hebbar, Subodh M. Lele, Craig Horbinski, and Vivek M. Rangnekar

Précis: Provocative findings offer new insights into how NF-κB regulates ER stress and extrinsic apoptosis signaling in cancer cells, with implications for cross-talk with pro-inflammatory signaling in cancer cells.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Fibroblast-Derived CCL2 Induces Cancer Stem Cells—Letter
Gurcan Gunaydin, Yusuf Dolen, and S. Altug Kesikli

Fibroblast-Derived CCL2 Induces Cancer Stem Cells—Response
Akihiro Tsuyada and Shizhen Emily Wang

Retraction: Initial Analyses of Colon Cancer–Specific Antigen (CCSA)-3 and CCSA-4 as Colorectal Cancer–Associated Serum Markers

RETRACTION
ABOUT THE COVER

Twist1 is a key inducer of epithelial-mesenchymal transition during tumor metastasis and is upregulated in aggressive human cancers. A new role for Twist1 in tumor progression was uncovered, showing that Twist1 is capable of stimulating angiogenesis via CCL2 production and subsequent recruitment of macrophages from the tumor stroma. Using a Matrigel plug assay, the images show that mouse mammary tumor cells endogenously expressing high levels of Twist1 stimulated a strong angiogenic response, seen as red blood vessels in the isolated plugs. When Twist1 expression was suppressed in these cells, the angiogenic response was diminished. For details, see the article by Low-Marchelli and colleagues on page 662.
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