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2907 Discovery of Mesothelin and Exploiting It as a Target for Immunotherapy
Ira Pastan and Raffit Hassan

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2913 Projecting Cancer Incidence and Deaths to 2030: The Unexpected Burden of Thyroid, Liver, and Pancreas Cancers in the United States
Lola Rahib, Benjamin D. Smith, Rhonda Aizenberg, Allison B. Rosenzweig, Julie M. Fleshman, and Lynn M. Matrisian

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2922 Cancer Stem Cells: Constantly Evolving and Functionally Heterogeneous Therapeutic Targets
Tao Yang, Kiera Rycaj, Zhong-Min Liu, and Dean G. Tang

CLINICAL STUDIES

2928 Loss of LRIG1 Locus Increases Risk of Early and Late Relapse of Stage I/II Breast Cancer
Patricia A. Thompson, Ingrid Ljuslinder, Spyros Tsavachidis, Abenaa Brewster, Aysegul Sahin, Hakan Hedman, Roger Henriksson, Melissa L. Bondy, and Beatrice S. Melin
Précis: This study addresses the lack of robust biomarkers that can predict relapse more than 5 years after diagnosis of early-stage breast cancer.

INTEGRATED SYSTEMS AND TECHNOLOGIES

2936 Selection of Personalized Patient Therapy through the Use of Knowledge-Based Computational Models That Identify Tumor-Driving Signal Transduction Pathways
Wim Verhaegh, Henk van Ooijen, Márcia A. Inda, Pantelis Hatzis, Rogier Versteeg, Marcel Smid, John Martens, John Foekens, Paul van de Wiel, Hans Clevers, and Anja van de Stolpe
Précis: By conducting an initial clinical validation, this study illustrates the power of a novel computational approach to model oncogenic signaling pathways from tissue-derived transcriptome data for use as a diagnostic tool to tailor therapy to individual cancer patients.

2946 Predictive Performance of Microarray Gene Signatures: Impact of Tumor Heterogeneity and Multiple Mechanisms of Drug Resistance
Charlotte K.Y. Ng, Britta Weigelt, Roger A’Hern, Francois-Clement Bidard, Christophe Lemetre, Charles Swanton, Ronglai Shen, and Jorge S. Reis-Filho
Précis: This bioinformatics study offers an explanation why gene signatures generally offer such poor utility as clinical predictors, based on the presence of multiple drug resistance mechanisms that can vary among patients for any particular therapy.

MICROENVIRONMENT AND IMMUNOLOGY

2962 Myeloid WNT7b Mediates the Angiogenic Switch and Metastasis in Breast Cancer
Eun-Jin Yeo, Luca Cassetta, Bin-Zhi Qian, Ian Lewkowich, Jiufeng Li, James A. Stefater III, April N. Smith, Lisa S. Wiechmann, Yihong Wang, Jeffrey W. Pollard, and Richard A. Lang
Précis: These findings suggest a unified mechanism through which macrophages roving breast tumors can support blood vessel growth, invasion, and metastasis, with implications for attacking both tumor cells and tumor stroma at one stroke.

2974 Accumulation of Memory Precursor CD8 T Cells in Regressing Tumors following Combination Therapy with Vaccine and Anti-PD-1 Antibody
Lavakumar Karyampudi, Purushottam Lamichhane, Adam D. Scheid, Kimberly R. Kalli, Barath Shreeder, James W. Krempski, Marshall D. Behrens, and Keith L. Knutson
Précis: These findings suggest that PD-1 blockade during cancer vaccination triggers formation of memory T cells with an enhanced survival capacity, greatly encouraging the evaluation of combination therapies that combine cancer vaccines with immune checkpoint inhibitors.
2986 Fatty Acid-Binding Protein E-FABP Restricts Tumor Growth by Promoting IFN-β Responses in Tumor-Associated Macrophages
Yuwen Zhang, Yanwen Sun, Enyu Rao, Fei Yan, Qiang Li, Ying Zhang, Kevin A.T. Silverstein, Shujun Liu, Edward Sauter, Margot P. Chary, and Bing Li

Précis: This study establishes a specific fatty acid-binding protein as a new host-derived protective factor in restraining tumor growth, acting to enhance a mechanism of immune surveillance that involves natural killer immune cells.

2999 Cancer-Associated Fibroblasts Expressing CXCL14 Rely upon NOS1-Derived Nitric Oxide Signaling for Their Tumor-Supporting Properties
Martin Augsten, Elin Sjöberg, Oliver Frings, Sabine U. Vorrink, Jeroen Frijhoff, Eleonor Olsson, Åke Borg, and Arne Östman

Précis: These findings define key components of a chemokine-directed signaling network that maintains the protumoral functions of cancer-associated fibroblasts.

MOLECULAR AND CELLULAR PATHOBIOLOGY

3031 miR-483-5p Promotes Invasion and Metastasis of Lung Adenocarcinoma by Targeting RhoGDI1 and ALCAM
Qiancheng Song, Yuanfei Xu, Cuisan Yang, Zhengu Chen, Chunhong Jia, Juan Chen, Yue Zhuang, Pinglin Lai, Xiaorong Fan, Xuan Zhou, Jun Lin, Ming Li, Wenli Ma, Shengju Luo, and Xiaochun Bai

Précis: These findings uncover mechanisms of action of a nodal acting microRNA for EMT, invasion, and metastasis in lung adenocarcinoma.

3043 LE01 Is Regulated by PRL-3 and Mediates Its Oncogenic Properties in Acute Myelogenous Leukemia
Phyllis S.Y. Chong, Jianbiao Zhou, Lip-Lee Cheong, Shaw-Cheng Liu, Jingru Qian, Tiannan Guo, Siu Kwan Sze, Qi Zeng, and Wee Joo Chng

Précis: This study advances our understanding of an important oncogenic phosphatase in AML by identifying a critical downstream target in mediating its effects, with possible implications for prognosis and therapy.

3054 Phosphatidylinositol 4-Phosphate in the Golgi Apparatus Regulates Cell–Cell Adhesion and Invasive Cell Migration in Human Breast Cancer
Emi Tokuda, Toshiki Itoh, Junya Hasegawa, Takeshi Ijuin, Yukiko Takeuchi, Yasuhiro Irino, Miki Fukumoto, and Tadaomi Takenawa

Précis: These findings suggest that invasive progression of breast cancer cells may be directed by formation of a procancerous phospholipid in the Golgi apparatus.

3067 Endogenous Two-Photon Fluorescence Imaging Elucidates Metabolic Changes Related to Enhanced Glycolysis and Glutamine Consumption in Precancerous Epithelial Tissues
Antonio Varone, Joanna Xylas, Kyle P. Quinn, Dimitra Pouli, Gautham Sridharan, Margaret E. McLaughlin-Drubin, Carlo Alonzo, Kyongbum Lee, Karl Münger, and Irene Georgakoudi

Précis: Fully exploiting noninvasive optical metabolic imaging systems may improve our understanding of how metabolic changes affect cancer development, diagnosis, and treatment.
PREVENTION AND EPIDEMIOLOGY


Précis: In this large prospective study, solvent exposure prior to first full-term birth was associated with an increased risk of breast cancer.

THERAPEUTICS, TARGETS, AND CHEMICAL BIOLOGY

3084 Tumor Hypomethylation at 6p21.3 Associates with Longer Time to Recurrence of High-Grade Serous Epithelial Ovarian Cancer Chen Wang, Mine S. Cicek, Bridget Charbonneau, Kimberly R. Kalli, Sebastian M. Armasu, Melissa C. Larson, Gottfried E. Konecny, Boris Winterhoff, Jian-Bing Fan, Marina Bibikova, Jeremy Chien, Viji Shridhar, Matthew S. Block, Lynn C. Hartmann, Daniel W. Visscher, Julie M. Cunningham, Keith L. Knutson, Brooke L. Fridley, and Ellen L. Goode

Précis: This study suggests that an immune response mediated by DNA methylation changes in high-grade serous ovarian cancers may predict recurrence and possibly treatment responses.

3092 Redox Modulation of Adjacent Thiols in VLA-4 by AS101 Converts Myeloid Leukemia Cells from a Drug-Resistant to Drug-Sensitive State Adi Layani-Bazar, Itai Skornick, Alain Berrebi, Maor H. Pauker, Elad Noy, Alon Silberman, Michael Albeck, Dan L. Longo, Yona Kalechman, and Benjamin Sredni

Précis: These findings offer a rationale to reposition an experimental drug in human trials to reverse an integrin-mediated mechanism of chemoresistance in acute myeloid leukemia, with immediate translational implications for clinical evaluation in patients.

3095 Identification and Characterization of Small Molecules That Inhibit Nonsense-Mediated RNA Decay and Suppress Nonsense p53 Mutations Leenus Martin, Arsen Grigoryan, Ding Wang, Jinhua Wang, Laura Breda, Stefano Rivella, Timothy Cardozo, and Lawrence B. Gardner

Précis: This study offers a proof-of-concept that inhibitors of nonsense-mediated RNA decay can be used in strategies to restore full-length protein expression in cancer and other genetic disorders.


Précis: This study reports the discovery of two broadly involved, targetable oncogenic drivers in human cancer, which were identified by combining a gene amplification search with RNAi-based functional screening.

3114 Influence of Drug Formulation on OATP1B-Mediated Transport of Paclitaxel Annemieke J.M. Nieuweboer, Shuiying Hu, Chunshan Gui, Bruno Hagenbuch, Inge M. Ghobadi Moghaddam-Helmantel, Alice A. Gibson, Peter de Brujin, Ron H.J. Mathijsen, and Alex Sparreboom

Précis: These findings suggest that drug-drug interactions for taxanes that have clinical importance in combination treatment settings are not due to the drugs themselves, but rather to differences in the formulants used for the drugs that might be varied to address clinical issues.

3127 Failure to Induce Apoptosis via BCL-2 Family Proteins Underlies Lack of Efficacy of Combined MEK and PI3K Inhibitors for KRAS-Mutant Lung Cancers Aaron N. Hata, Alan Yeo, Anthony C. Faber, Eugene Lifshits, Zhao Chen, Katherine A. Cheng, Zandra Walton, Kristopher A. Sarosiek, Anthony Letai, Rebecca S. Heist, Mari Mino-Kenudson, Kwock-Kin Wong, and Jeffrey A. Engelman

Précis: The clinical efficacy of combined MEK and PI3K inhibitors for KRAS-mutant non–small cell lung cancer may be limited by variability in the ability to induce an apoptotic response.

3137 Genetic and Pharmacological Strategies to Refunctionalize the von Hippel Lindau R167Q Mutant Protein Zhiyong Ding, Peter German, Shanshan Bai, A. Srinivas Reddy, Xian-De Liu, Mianen Sun, Lijun Zhou, Xiaohua Chen, Xiaobei Zhao, Chengbiao Wu, Shuxing Zhang, Gordon B. Mills, and Eric Jonasch

Précis: These findings offer a rationale for a new approach to treatment of certain aggressive cancers of the kidney and other organs that are driven by inactivation of the VHL tumor suppressor gene.


Précis: This study reports the discovery of two broadly involved, targetable oncogenic drivers in human cancer, which were identified by combining a gene amplification search with RNAi-based functional screening.