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Précis: These findings provide a preclinical rationale for a generalized combination strategy for cancer immunotherapy that warrants immediate clinical exploration.

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3673 Mechanisms of Resistance to Intermittent Androgen Deprivation in Patients with Prostate Cancer Identified by a Novel Computational Method
Jason D. Morken, Aaron Packer, Rebecca A. Everett, John D. Nagy, and Yang Kuang
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3684 Ly49 Family Receptors Are Required for Cancer Immunosurveillance Mediated by Natural Killer Cells
Megan M. Tu, Ahmad Bakur Mahmoud, Andrew Wight, Amelia Mottashed, Simon Bélanger, Mir Munir A. Rahim, Elias Abou-Samra, and Andrew P. Makrigiannis
Précis: These results offer a genetic proof establishing the integral role of Ly49 receptors in tumoral immune surveillance by natural killer cells.

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3695 Slug Promotes Survival during Metastasis through Suppression of Puma-Mediated Apoptosis
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3727 VEGF Regulates Region-Specific Localization of Perivascular Bone Marrow–Derived Cells in Glioblastoma

Kelly Burrell, Sanjay Singh, Shahrzad Jalali, Richard P. Hill, and Gelareh Zadeh

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Yuanlin Qi, Mingfang Zhang, Hui Li, Jacqueline A. Frank, Lu Dai, Huijuan Liu, Zhuo Zhang, Chi Wang, and Gang Chen

Précis: Procancerous inflammatory states may antagonize autophagic states that help preserve cancer cell survival in hostile microenvironments, suggesting the need to uncouple inflammation and autophagy controls to enable tumor progression.

3753 High Expression of CAI2, a 9p21-Embedded Long Noncoding RNA, Contributes to Advanced-Stage Neuroblastoma

Lisa M. Barnhill, Richard T. Williams, Olga Cohen, Youngjin Kim, Ayse Batova, Jenna A. Mielke, Karen Messer, Minya Pu, Lei Bao, Alice L. Yu, and Mitchell B. Diccianni

Précis: These findings may explain the paradoxical overexpression of tumor suppressor p16 in pediatric neuroblastomas by defining a novel long noncoding RNA that regulates p16 and may offer a biomarker for the highest-risk disease.

3764 A Regulatory Loop Involving miR-22, Sp1, and c-Myc Modulates CD147 Expression in Breast Cancer Invasion and Metastasis

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Précis: This study provides insights into the regulation of a likely driver of invasion and metastasis in breast cancer, with potential implications for prognosis and therapy of advanced forms of this common disease.

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Xiang-hui Ning, Ning Zhang, Teng Li, Peng-jie Wu, Xi Wang, Xue-ying Li, Shuang-he Peng, Jiang-yi Wang, Jin-choa Chen, and Kan Gong

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Précis: An extracellular protein that stabilizes the breast cancer oncoprotein HER2 may serve as a candidate biomarker for the action of HER2-targeting drugs, as well as a possible therapeutic target to improve their efficacy.
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