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Précis: Using a novel quantitative imaging platform to determine the status of an activated biomarker in cancer patients may better identify high-risk patients who could benefit from a suitable targeted drug therapy.

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Katherine T. Ostapoff, Bercin Kutluak Cenik, Miao Wang, Risheng Ye, Xiaohong Xu, Desiree Nugent, Moriah M. Hagopian, Mary Topalovski, Lee B. Rivera, Kyla D. Carroll, and Rolf A. Brekken

Précis: This study demonstrates that TGFβ signaling in stromal cells directly affects tumor cell plasticity and the metastatic capacity of pancreatic tumors.

5008  TLR7 Promotes Tumor Progression, Chemotherapy Resistance, and Poor Clinical Outcomes in Non–Small Cell Lung Cancer

Saradiya Chatterjee, Lucie Crozet, Diane Damotte, Kristina Iribarren, Catherine Schramm, Marco Alfano, Audrey Lupo, Julien Cherfils-Vicini, Jeremy Goc, Sandrine Katsahian, Mohammad Younes, Marie Caroline Dieu-Nosjean, Wolf Herman Fridman, Catherine Sautès-Fridman, and Isabelle Cremer

Précis: Activation of an immune stimulatory molecule, TLR7, studied mainly in immune cells but also highly expressed in human lung carcinoma cells, confers powerful tumor growth advantage that may be mediated in part by NF-kB, perhaps helping explain its contributions to cancer.

5019  Optimal Effector Functions in Human Natural Killer Cells Rely upon Autocrine Bone Morphogenetic Protein Signaling

Neil C. Robson, Laura Hidalgo, Tristan McAlpine, Heng Wei, Víctor G. Martínez, Ana Estrella, Gustavo J. Melen, Andrew S. MacDonald, Alexander Phythin-Adams, Rosa Sacedón, Eugene Maraskovsky, Jonathan Cebon, Manuel Ramírez, Angeless Vicente, and Alberto Varas

Précis: The TGFβ superfamily members BMP-2 and BMP-6 are produced by and are required to support the optimal functions of natural killer immune cells, suggesting new ways to enhance the powerful capability of these cells to eradicate tumors.

5032  Stress Signaling from Human Mammary Epithelial Cells Contributes to Phenotypes of Mammographic Density

Rosa Anna DeFilippis, Colleen Fordyce, Kelley Patten, Hang Chang, Jianxin Zhao, Gerald V. Fontenay, Karla Kerlikowske, Bahram Parvin, and Theo D. Tlsty

Précis: These findings provide new insights into how high mammographic density arises in the breast and why this condition is associated with breast cancer risk, with implications for the definition of novel invention targets to prevent breast cancer.

5045  Molecular Homology and Difference between Spontaneous Canine Mammary Cancer and Human Breast Cancer

Deli Liu, Huan Xiong, Angela E. Ellis, Nicole C. Northrup, Carlos O. Rodriguez Jr, Ruth M. O’Regan, Stephen Dalton, and Shaying Zhao

Précis: This study of spontaneous mammary cancers that arise in dogs offers a novel perspective on critical questions in breast cancer research.
CSF1/CSF1R Blockade Reprograms Tumor-Infiltrating Macrophages and Improves Response to T-cell Checkpoint Immunotherapy in Pancreatic Cancer Models
Yu Zhu, Brett L. Knolhoff, Melissa A. Meyer, Timothy M. Nywening, Brian L. West, Jingxin Luo, Andrea Wang-Cillam, S. Peter Goedegebuure, David C. Linehan, and David G. DeNardo

Précis: These preclinical findings offer a rationale to empower therapeutic effects of T-cell checkpoint-based immunotherapeutics that block PD-1 and CTLA-4 by reprogramming of immunosuppressive myeloid cells that are abundant in the tumor microenvironment.

Macrophage Inflammatory Protein Derivative ECI301 Enhances the Alarmin-Associated Abscopal Benefits of Tumor Radiotherapy
Shiro Kanegasaki, Kouji Matsushima, Kenshiro Shiromaishi, Keichii Nakagawa, and Tomoko Tsuchiya

Précis: This study suggests mechanistic insights into a long recognized but little understood phenomenon in radiotherapy, the abscopal effect, which refers to antitumor benefits outside the irradiated field.

Natural Killer Cells Eradicate Galectin-1–Deficient Glioma in the Absence of Adaptive Immunity
Gregory J. Baker, Peter Chockley, Viveka Nand Yadav, Robert Doherty, Michael Ritt, Sivaraj Sivaramakrishnan, Maria G. Castro, and Pedro R. Lowenstein

Précis: Blocking an important mechanism of immune escape in glioma mediated by galectin-1 overexpression may be sufficient to restore the ability of natural killer cells to eradicate this type of brain cancer, without the need of adaptive immune functions.

BMP4 Inhibits Breast Cancer Metastasis by Blocking Myeloid-Derived Suppressor Cell Activity
Yuan Cao, Clare Y. Slaney, Bradley N. Bidwell, Belinda S. Parker, Cameron N. Johnstone, Jai Rautela, Bedrich L. Eckhardt, and Robin L. Anderson

Précis: This study demonstrates that BMP4 can inhibit metastasis by reducing NF-κB activity in tumor cells, leading to a suppression of G-CSF secretion and a consequential reduction in the number of metastases promoting myeloid-derived suppressor cells.

A Novel Wnt Regulatory Axis in Endometrioid Endometrial Cancer
Yu Zhao, Yihua Yang, Jone Trovik, Kun Sun, Liang Zhou, Peiyong Jiang, Tat-San Lau, Erling A. Hoivik, Helga B. Salvesen, Hao Sun, and Huating Wang

Précis: These findings establish a novel Wnt/β-catenin regulatory axis that involves a tumor suppressive member of the cadherin family, protocadherin-10, and a noncoding RNA, MALAT1, that supports the development of a subtype of endometrial cancer.

Natural Allelic Variations in Glutathione Peroxidase-1 Affect Its Subcellular Localization and Function
Soumen Bera, Frank Weinberg, Dede N. Ekpoue, Kristine Ansenberger-Fricano, Mao Mao, Marcelo G. Bonini, and Alan M. Diamond

Précis: Genetic variations in glutathione peroxidase-1 that affect the risk of several types of cancer are shown here to affect the function of this enzyme, with implications for understanding its fundamental roles in cancer pathophysiology.

TIGAR Has a Dual Role in Cancer Cell Survival through Regulating Apoptosis and Autophagy
Jia-Ming Xie, Bin Li, Hong-Pei Yu, Quan-Geng Gao, Wei Li, Hao-Rong Wu, and Zheng-Hong Qin

Précis: These results illuminate a new mechanism by which a key inhibitor of cell death helps regulate the response of cancer cells to chemotherapeutic drugs, with possible implications as a drug response biomarker.

Validation and Structural Characterization of the LEDGF/p75–MLL Interface as a New Target for the Treatment of MLL-Dependent Leukemia
Katerína Cermáková, Petr Tesina, Jonas Demelemeester, Sara El Ashkar, Hélène Mérat, Juerg Schwaller, Pavlina Rezáčová, Vaclav Veverka, and Jan De Rijck

Précis: This study identifies a potential molecular foothold in epigenetic therapy aimed at altering transcriptional programs in cancer cells to selectively trigger their demise.
Armed Oncolytic Virus Enhances Immune Functions of Chimeric Antigen Receptor–Modified T Cells in Solid Tumors

Nobuhiro Nishio, Jula Diaconu, Hao Liu, Vincenzo Cerullo, Ignazio Caruana, Barbara Savoldo, and Gianpietro Dotti

Preciso: This cytokine/chemokine-armed virus described in this report may improve the effectiveness of CAR T-cell therapy in solid tumors, where this therapy has not been nearly as effective as in liquid tumors.

RPA Inhibition Increases Replication Stress and Suppresses Tumor Growth

Jason G. Glanzer, Shengjin Liu, Ling Wang, Adam Mosel, Aidin Peng, and Greg S. Oakley

Preciso: By targeting a lynchpin of DNA replication, a compound that heightens DNA replication stress in cancer cells may offer a broadly useful new strategy for treatment.

HSV-sr39TK Positron Emission Tomography and Suicide Gene Elimination of Human Hematopoietic Stem Cells and Their Progeny in Humanized Mice

Eric H. Gschwend, Melissa N. McCracken, Michael L. Kaufman, Michelle Ho, Roger P. Hollis, Xiaoyan Wang, Navdeep Saini, Richard C. Koya, Thinle Chodon, Antonio Ribas, Owen N. Witte, and Donald B. Kohn

Preciso: These results support the clinical development of a dual use imaging-suicide gene in immunotherapy and provide insights into the reversible engraftment of human hematopoietic stem cells.

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Chen-Yuan Lin, Hung-Jen Chen, Cheng-Chung Huang, Liang-Chuan Lai, Tzu-Pin Lu, Guan-Chin Tseng, Ting-Ting Kuo, Qian-Yu Kuok, Jennifer L. Hsu, Shian-Ying Sung, Mien-Chie Hung, and Yuh-Pyng Sher

Preciso: These findings highlight the integrated view for ADAM9 in lung cancer brain metastases and indicate that targeting of ADAM9-regulated pathways may be a rational approach to inhibit cancer metastases.

5-Lipoxygenase Is a Candidate Target for Therapeutic Management of Stem Cell–like Cells in Acute Myeloid Leukemia

Jessica Roos, Claudia Oancea, Maria Heinssmann, Dilawar Khan, Hannelore Held, Astrid S. Kahnt, Christoph Lahtz, Piotr Swiderski, Brian Armstrong, Claudia Kovolik, Gary L. Gallia, Michael Lim, Christine Brown, Behnam Badie, Stephen Forman, Marcin Kortylewski, Richard Jove, and Hua Yu

Preciso: The discovery that the toll-like receptor TLR9 is expressed in stem-like cells in an aggressive brain cancer may offer a useful tool for treatment strategies in this setting.

FLT3 Kinase Inhibitor TTT-3002 Overcomes Both Activating and Drug Resistance Mutations in FLT3 in Acute Myeloid Leukemia

Hayley S. Ma, Bao Nguyen, Amy S. Duffield, Li Li, Allison Galanis, Allen B. Williams, Patrick A. Brown, Mark J. Levis, Daniel J. Leahy, and Donald Small

Preciso: A new small molecule inhibitor of FLT3, which can overcome all mutations documented to date, in this driver of acute myeloid leukemia, also exhibits superior pharmacologic properties that lend appeal for this agent as an effective next-generation therapeutic in this setting.

TLR9 Is Critical for Glioma Stem Cell Maintenance and Targeting

Andreas Herrmann, Gregory Cherryholmes, Anne Schroeder, Jillian Phallen, Darya Alizadeh, Hong Xin, Tianyi Wang, Heehyoung Lee, Christoph Lahtz, Piotr Swiderski, Brian Armstrong, Claudia Kovolik, Gary L. Gallia, Michael Lim, Christine Brown, Behnam Badie, Stephen Forman, Marcin Kortylewski, Richard Jove, and Hua Yu

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Non-invasive in vivo imaging of gene-modified human hematopoietic stem cells and their progeny can be achieved using positron image tomography (PET), shown here as coronal and sagittal plane overlays on X-ray computed tomography scans. Imaging after systemically administered $^{[18]}$F]-FHBG reveals accumulation of probe localized to areas of hematopoietic engraftment such as the humerus, tibia, femur, vertebrae, sternum, and thymus. Background probe uptakes in the gastrointestinal tract and gall bladder, present in non-humanized NSG and mock-transduced humanized mice have been artificially masked for clarity. For details, see article by Gschweng on page 5173.