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Preciso: This study reports key progress in identifying a marker of aggressive behavior in bladder cancer, a disease in which there has been a paucity of knowledge about key genetic drivers.
In Vivo Localization of 90Y and 177Lu Radioimmunoconjugates Using Cerenkov Luminescence Imaging in a Disseminated Murine Leukemia Model

Ethan R. Balkin, Aimee Kenoyer, Johnnie J. Orozco, Alexandra Hernandez, Maziar Shadman, Darrell R. Fisher, Damian J. Green, Mark D. Hylarides, Oliver W. Press, D. Scott Wilbur, and John M. Pagel

**Précis:** Results demonstrate the feasibility of using a novel noninvasive imaging technique called Cerenkov Light Imaging (CLI) to optimize the use of radioimmunoconjugates used to treat aggressive leukemias.

SAR405838: An Optimized Inhibitor of MDM2–p53 Interaction That Induces Complete and Durable Tumor Regression

Shaomeng Wang, Wei Sun, Yujun Zhao, Donna McEachern, Isabelle Meaux, Cédric Barrière, Jeanne A. Stuckey, Jennifer L. Meagher, Longchuan Bai, Liu Liu, Cassandra Gianna Hoffman-Luca, Jianfeng Lu, Sanjeev Shangary, Shanghai Yu, Denzil Bernard, Angelo Aguilar, Odette dos-Santos, Laurent Besret, Stéphane Guerif, Pascal Pannier, Dimitri Gorge-Bernat, and Laurent Debussche

**Précis:** Despite the risk of applying a selection for p53 mutations that escape MDM2 control, blocking MDM2–p53 protein–protein interaction has long been considered by many to offer an attractive cancer therapeutic strategy, a position strongly supported by the findings of this preclinical study.

Dsh Homolog DVL3 Mediates Resistance to IGFIR Inhibition by Regulating IGF-RAS Signaling

Shan Gao, Ilirjana Bajrami, Clare Verrill, Asha Kigozi, Djamila Ouaret, Tamara Aleksic, Ruth Asher, Cheng Han, Paul Allen, Deborah Bailey, Stephan Keller, Takeshi Kashima, Derrick Gorge-Bernat, and Laurent Debussche

**Précis:** This mechanistic study is important because it addresses the lack of predictive biomarkers for stratifying and recruiting cancer patients who might benefit from IGF-1 inhibitors, a key gap in their clinical development as cancer drugs.

β-Catenin Contributes to Lung Tumor Development Induced by EGFR Mutations


**Précis:** Drug resistance to EGF receptor antagonists in lung cancer may be mediated in part by activation of the β-catenin pathway, reinforcing its importance as an oncogenic driver in this setting.

MYC Activates Stem-like Cell Potential in Hepatocarcinoma by a p53-Dependent Mechanism

Hirofumi Akita, Jens U. Marquardt, Marian E. Durkin, Mitsuteru Kitade, Daekwan Seo, Elizabeth A. Conner, Jesper B. Andersen, Valentina M. Factor, and Snorri S. Thorgerisson

**Précis:** Cancer stem-like cell populations in liver cancer appear to be expanded under conditions in which MYC is activated and p53 is downregulated, with potential implications for understanding etiology, progression, and treatment in this disease.

Zfx Facilitates Tumorigenesis Caused by Activation of the Hedgehog Pathway

Colin J. Palmer, Jose M. Galan-Caridad, Stuart P. Weisberg, Liang Lei, Jose M. Esquilin, Gist F. Croft, Brandon Wainwright, Peter Canoll, David M. Owens, and Boris Reizis

**Précis:** This preclinical genetic study identifies new candidate targets for the control of tumors driven by the Hedgehog pathway, the aberrant activation of which has been implicated widely in many types of human solid tumors.
SIRT6 Promotes COX-2 Expression and Acts as an Oncogene in Skin Cancer
Mei Ming, Weinong Han, Baozhong Zhao, Nagalingam R. Sundaesan, Chu-Xia Deng, Mahesh P. Gupta, and Yu-Ying He

Précis: This study challenges an existing view of the Sir2-related protein SIRT6 as a tumor suppressor, finding instead in a genetically deficient mouse that it functions as an oncogene in the skin epidermis.

ABOUT THE COVER

The AXL receptor tyrosine kinase has been implicated as a cellular signaling protein that is specifically upregulated in the context of the epithelial-to-mesenchymal transformation seen in some epithelial cancers and the emergence of acquired drug resistance. Among the tumor types in which a mesenchymal, largely drug-refractory phenotype appears to be prevalent is triple-negative breast cancer (TNBC). This immunohistological image illustrates the expression of AXL in a TNBC tumor specimen, revealing punctate cytoplasmic staining of AXL in tumor cells as well as focal vascular staining. For details, see article by Wilson and colleagues on page 5878.

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