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5937 Phenotype Switching: Tumor Cell Plasticity as a Resistance Mechanism and Target for Therapy
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5942 α6β6 Expression in Myoepithelial Cells: A Novel Marker for Predicting DCIS Progression with Therapeutic Potential
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PRIORITY REPORT

5948 Synergy between the NAMPT Inhibitor GMX1777(8) and Pemetrexed in Non–Small Cell Lung Cancer Cells Is Mediated by PARP Activation and Enhanced NAD Consumption
Manuel Chan, Michel Gravel, Alexandre Bramouillé, Gaëlle Bridon, Duina Avizonis, Gordon C. Shore, and Anne Roulston
Precis: This study shows how new NAD-depleting drugs offer a way to leverage the efficacy of clinical agents that target dihydrofolate reductase, used widely in the oncology clinic, in deadly lung adenocarcinomas

CLINICAL STUDIES

5955 A Quantitative Sensory Analysis of Peripheral Neuropathy in Colorectal Cancer and Its Exacerbation by Oxaliplatin Chemotherapy
Marina de Carvalho Barbosa, Alyssa K. Kosturakis, Cathy Eng, Gwen Wendelschafer-Crabb, William R. Kennedy, Donald A. Simone, Xin S. Wang, Charles S. Cleeland, and Patrick M. Dougherty
Precis: This clinical study illuminates a connection between the pattern of effects in peripheral neuropathy, a major scourge of successful cancer treatment, with the specific nerve fiber types most vulnerable to cytotoxic chemotherapy, with important implications for how to focus future work to ameliorate risks of this important survivor challenge.

INTEGRATED SYSTEMS AND TECHNOLOGIES

5963 Network Modeling of TGFβ Signaling in Hepatocellular Carcinoma Epithelial-to-Mesenchymal Transition Reveals Joint Sonic Hedgehog and Wnt Pathway Activation
Steven Nathaniel Steinway, Jorge G.T. Zañudo, Wei Ding, Carl Bart Rountree, David J. Feith, Thomas P. Loughran Jr, and Reka Albert
Precis: In preclinical models of liver cancer, results define a network of signaling pathways that regulate epithelial-mesenchymal transition and might be targeted to blunt malignant progression.

5978 Modeling Lung Cancer Evolution and Preclinical Response by Orthotopic Mouse Allografts
Chiara Ambrogio, Francisco J. Carmona, August Vidal, Mattia Falcone, Patricia Nieto, Octavio A. Romero, Sara Puertas, Miguel Vizoso, Ernest Nadal, Teresa Poggio, Montserrat Sánchez-Céspedes, Manel Esteller, Francisca Mulero, Claudia Voena, Roberto Chiarle, Mariano Barbacid, David Santamaría, and Alberto Villanueva
Precis: Orthoallografts grown from murine primary non–small cell lung cancers recapitulate both the histopathological features and therapeutic responses seen clinically in advanced human disease, potentially improving preclinical modeling needed for effective drug development in this setting.

MICROENVIRONMENT AND IMMUNOLOGY

5989 The Alarmin HMGN1 Contributes to Antitumor Immunity and Is a Potent Immunoadjuvant
Feng Wei, De Yang, Poonam Tewary, Yana Li, Sandra Li, Xin Chen, O.M. Zack Howard, Michael Bustin, and Joost J. Oppenheim
Precis: An HMGB1-related protein that also functions as a danger signal/alarmin to promote T-cell immunity is found to contribute to T cell-dependent antitumor responses, with implications for its possible use as an adjuvant to heighten responses to cancer vaccines.
MYCN-Dependent Expression of Sulfatase-2 Regulates Neuroblastoma Cell Survival

Précis: An enzyme responsible for modifying extracellular proteoglycans appears to be an important mediator of the effects of the MYCN oncogene in a deadly pediatric tumor, offering new insights into how MYCN drives malignancy by altering the tumor microenvironment.

Vaccine-Elicited CD8+ T Cells Cure Mesothelioma by Overcoming Tumor-Induced Immunosuppressive Environment

Précis: DNA vaccination can achieve complete cure of mesothelioma by eliciting enhanced CD8+ T cells that can overcome the tumor-induced immunosuppressive environment.

Adverse Immunoregulatory Effects of 5FU and CPT11 Chemotherapy on Myeloid-Derived Suppressor Cells and Colorectal Cancer Outcomes
Julia Kanterman, Moshe Sade-Feldman, Moshe Biton, Eliran Ish-Shalom, Audrey Lasry, Aviya Goldshtein, Ayala Hubert, and Michal Baniyash

Précis: FOLFIRI, a combination chemotherapy regimen used widely in patients with gastrointestinal cancers, may reinforce immunosuppression and thereby limits the benefits to be gained by recruiting the immune system to improve patient treatment.

Promoting Thiol Expression Increases the Durability of Antitumor T-cell Functions
Pravin Kesarwani, Amir A. Al-Khami, Gina Scurti, Krishnamurthy Thyagarajan, Navtej Kaur, Shahid Husain, Quan Fang, Osama S. Naga, Patricia Simms, Gyda Beeson, Christina Voelkel-Johnson, Elizabeth Garrett-Mayer, Craig C. Beeson, Michael I. Nishimura, and Shikhar Mehrotra

Précis: Higher cell surface expression of thiol groups on T cells is associated with superior in vivo persistence and antitumor activity, with implications for improving T cell preparations used in adoptive immunotherapy for patients.

Reducing CD73 Expression by IL1β-Programmed Th17 Cells Improves Immunotherapeutic Control of Tumors
Shilpak Chatterjee, Krishnamurthy Thyagarajan, Pravin Kesarwani, Jinh H. Song, Myrosiwa Soloshchenko, Jianing Fu, Stefanie R. Bailey, Chentharkmarkshan Vasu, Andrew S. Kraft, Chrystal M. Paulos, Xue-Zhong Yu, and Shikhar Mehrotra

Précis: These findings show that including TGFβ in ex vivo cultures used to program Th17 cells damages their immunotherapeutic potential, and they show how this potential can be more potently realized for adoptive T-cell immunotherapy in cancer patients.

IPH4102, a Humanized KIR3DL2 Antibody with Potent Activity against Cutaneous T-cell Lymphoma
Anne Marie-Cardine, Nicolas Viaud, Nicolas Thonnart, Rachel Joly, Stéphanie Chanteux, Laurent Gauthier, Cécile Bonnafous, Benjamin Rossi, Mathieu Bléry, Carine Paturel, Armand Bensussan, Martine Bagot, and Hélène Sicard

Précis: This study offers a preclinical proof of concept for development of a novel therapy that targets one of the most relevant tumor antigens in cutaneous T-cell lymphoma, where there remains unmet medical need.

Whole-Genome Sequencing of Asian Lung Cancers: Second-Hand Smoke Unlikely to Be Responsible for Higher Incidence of Lung Cancer among Asian Never-Smokers
Vidhya G. Krishnan, Philip J. Ebert, Jason C. Ting, Elaine Lim, Swee-Seong Wong, Audrey S.M. Teo, Yong G. Yue, Hui-Hoon Chua, Xiwen Ma, Gary S.L. Loh, Yuhaol Lin, Joanna H.J. Tan, Kun Yu, Shenli Zhang, Christoph Reinhardt, Daniel S.W. Tan, Brock A. Peters, Stephen E. Lincoln, Dennis G. Ballinger, Jason M. Laramie, Geoffrey B. Nilsen, Thomas D. Barber, Patrick Tan, Axel M. Hilmmer, and Pauline C. Ng

Précis: This whole genome study of Asian lung cancer patients, the largest performed to date, refutes the long-standing presumption that Asian never-smokers have a higher incidence of lung cancer due to second-hand smoke, which does not appear to be the case.
HTLV-1 bZIP Factor HBZ Promotes Cell Proliferation and Genetic Instability by Activating OncomiRs
Céline Vernin, Morgan Thenoz, Christiane Pinatel, Antoine Gessain, Olivier Gout, Marie-Hélène Delfau-Larue, Nicolas Nazaret, Catherine Legras-Lachuer, Eric Wattel, and Franck Mortreux

Précis: As one of the few viruses definitively linked to cancer, HTLV-1 retains interest as a tool to gain insights into the pathogenic origins of cancer, hereby challenging the long-standing idea that the viral gene product Tax is most critical in directing early leukemogenesis.

ALK-Dependent Control of Hypoxia-Inducible Factors Mediates Tumor Growth and Metastasis
Cinzia Martinengo, Teresa Poggio, Matteo Menotti, Maria Stella Scalzo, Maria Stella Scalzo, Cristina Mastini, Chiara Ambrogio, Elisa Pellegrino, Ludovica Riera, Roberto Piva, Domenico Ribatti, Fabio Pastorino, Patrizia Perri, Mirco Ponzoni, Qi Wang, Claudia Voena, and Roberto Chiarle

Précis: This study offers a rationale to explore ALK kinase inhibitors as effective treatments for certain lymphomas and non–small cell lung cancers, where ALK activity affects hypoxia responses and angiogenesis.

Metastatic Heterogeneity of Breast Cancer Cells Is Associated with Expression of a Heterogeneous TGFβ-Activating miR424–503 Gene Cluster
Yun Li, Wei Li, Zhe Ying, Han Tian, Xun Zhu, Jun Li, and Mengfeng Li

Précis: These findings define a microRNA cluster that controls the intensity of TGFβ signaling and metastatic response in breast cancer cells, with possible implications in cancer-associated deregulation of TGFβ signaling generally.

Stress Response Protein Cirp Links Inflammation and Tumorigenesis in Colitis-Associated Cancer
Toshiharu Sakurai, Hiroshi Kashida, Tomohiro Watanabe, Satoru Hagivara, Tsunekazu Mizushima, Hideki Iijima, Naoshi Nishida, Hiroki Higashitsuji, Jun Fujita, and Masatoshi Kudo

Précis: A little-studied RNA binding protein is found to act as a positive modifier of inflammation-driven colon cancers, contributing to the development of inflammatory bowel disease as well as colitis-associated cancer in established preclinical models.

BRCA1 Suppresses Epithelial-to-Mesenchymal Transition and Stem Cell Dedifferentiation during Mammary and Tumor Development

Précis: This study offers the first genetic evidence that the BRCA1 gene acts directly to suppress epithelial-mesenchymal transition during breast tumorigenesis, offering an explanation for why BRCA1 mutation carriers are prone to aggressive basal-like breast cancers.
A Recurrent Activating PLCG1 Mutation in Cardiac Angiosarcomas Increases Apoptosis Resistance and Invasiveness of Endothelial Cells
Kristin Kunze, Tilmann Spieker, Ulrike Gomerding, Kerstin Nau, Johannes Berger, Thomas Dreyer, Jürgen R. Sindermann, Andreas Hoffmeier, Stefan Gattenlohner, and Andreas Bruninger
Précis: Mutation of PLGC1 identified in rare tumor may provide insights into apoptosis resistance and invasion.

Genetic Deletion of AEG-1 Prevents Hepatocarcinogenesis
Précis: This potentially seminal study unravels a novel role for the AEG-1 oncogene in shaping the tumor microenvironment in a manner that is essential for liver cancer development.

Vitamin D Suppresses Leptin Stimulation of Cancer Growth through microRNA
Ravi Kasiappan, Yuefeng Sun, Panida Lungchukiet, Waise Quarni, Xiaohong Zhang, and Wenlong Bai
Précis: This study suggests that vitamin D supplements may help obese women reduce their risk of cancer.

Therapeutic Targeting of BRCA1-Mutated Breast Cancers with Agents That Activate DNA Repair
Elizabeth Alli, David Solow-Cordero, Stephanie C. Casey, and James M. Ford
Précis: This work offers a preclinical proof of concept for a wholly new approach to chemoprevention in carriers of BRCA1 mutations as a strategy to reduce the prevalence of BRCA1-associated malignancy.

Pretargeted Dual-Modality Immuno-SPECT and Near-Infrared Fluorescence Imaging for Image-Guided Surgery of Prostate Cancer
Précis: This study describes a major advancement to methods used in surgical resections of primary prostate cancer, where image-guided techniques are increasingly important and can extend time to progression in patients.

Pancreatic Cancer–Specific Cell Death Induced In Vivo by Cytoplasmic-Delivered Polyinosine–Polycytidylic Acid
Praveen Bhoopathi, Bridget A. Quinn, Qin Gui, Xue-Ning Shen, Steven R. Grossman, Swadesh K. Das, Devanand Sarkar, Paul B. Fisher, and Luni Emdad
Précis: These findings offer a preclinical proof of concept for immediate evaluation of an immune adjuvant that also triggers apoptosis in pancreatic cancer cells, as a novel type of immunochemotherapy to treat pancreatic cancer.

A Small-Molecule Modulator of the Tumor-Suppressor miR34a Inhibits the Growth of Hepatocellular Carcinoma
Zhangang Xiao, Chi Han Li, Stephen L. Chan, Feiyue Xu, Lu Feng, Yan Wang, Jian-Dong Jiang, Joseph J.Y. Sung, Christopher H.K. Cheng, and Yangchao Chen
Précis: These findings offer preclinical proof of concept for a lead small molecule candidate as a new class of therapeutic for liver cancer, based on restoration of miR-34a tumor suppressor function.
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Transient SNAIL1 Expression Is Necessary for Metastatic Competence in Breast Cancer
Hung D. Tran, Krishna Luitel, Michael Kim, Kun Zhang, Gregory D. Longmore, and David D. Tran

Précis: These findings provide a compelling genetic rationale to target metastasis by impeding a major regulator of this process despite its transient requirement.

Holo-Retinol–Binding Protein and Its Receptor STRA6 Drive Oncogenic Transformation
Daniel C. Berry, Liraz Levi, and Noa Noy

Précis: Results suggest that the blood carrier of vitamin A and its cell surface transporter and signaling receptor STRA6 may comprise novel targets for cancer therapy.

Ceramide Kinase Promotes Tumor Cell Survival and Mammary Tumor Recurrence
Ania W. Payne, Dhruv K. Pant, Tien-Chi Pan, and Lewis A. Chodosh

Précis: Results identify an actionable pathway in breast cancer patients that might be blocked during chemotherapy to limit tumor recurrence and extend survival.

Notch Signaling Drives Stemness and Tumorigenicity of Esophageal Adenocarcinoma
Zhiqiang Wang, Thiago G. Da Silva, Ke Jin, Xiaoxing Han, Prathibha Ranganathan, Xiaoxia Zhu, Avencia Sanchez-Mejias, Feng Bai, Bin Li, Dennis Liang Fei, Kelly Weaver, Rodrigo Vasquez-Del Carpio, Anna E. Moscovitz, Vadim P. Koshenkov, Lilly Sanchez, Lynne Sparling, Xin-Hai Pei, Dido Franceschi, Afonso Ribeiro, David J. Robbins, Alan S. Livingstone, and Anthony J. Capobianco

Précis: This study provides a preclinical proof of concept for the repositioning of gamma-secretase inhibitors, previously evaluated in clinical trials, as a new treatment for aggressive esophageal cancers.

ABOUT THE COVER

Astrocyte elevated gene-1 (AEG-1) is an oncogene that is overexpressed in all cancers. Although the oncogenic function of AEG-1 has been studied in tumor cells, as yet the role of AEG-1 in tumor microenvironment cells has not been analyzed. Using immunofluorescence it was documented that AEG-1 is expressed at a high level in macrophages, and functional studies documented that macrophage AEG-1 plays an important role in regulating NF-κB activation and thereby initiation of hepatocarcinogenesis. For details, see article by Robertson and colleagues on page 6184.