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Précis: By exploiting the little-studied process of glycogen synthesis in tumors, a novel radiotracer for PET scans was developed in this study to evaluate tumoral quiescence.

Précis: These results show how bispecific antibodies that selectively recruit γδ T cells to pancreatic tumors can exploit the immunotherapeutic potential of this type of T cell from pancreatic cancer patients.
Induction of Immunoregulatory CD271⁺ Cells by Metastatic Tumor Cells That Express Human Endogenous Retrovirus H
Chie Kudo-Saito, Masahiro Yura, Ryusuke Yamamoto, and Yutaka Kawakami

Précis: An expressed endogenous retrovirus present in the human genome is found to be a critical determinant of immune escape and metastasis, acting to organize immunosuppressive mesenchymal stem cells and myeloid-derived suppressor cells in the tumor microenvironment.

P14ARF Suppresses Tumor-Induced Thrombosis by Regulating the Tissue Factor Pathway
Abdessamad Zerrouqi, Beata Pyrzynska, Daniel J. Brat, and Erwin G. Van Meir

Précis: This study links an important suppressor pathway to the vascular microenvironment of tumors, suggesting how necrotic areas that promote progression can develop.

Cancer Cells Exploit eIF4E2-Directed Synthesis of Hypoxia Response Proteins to Drive Tumor Progression
James Uniacke, J. Kishan Perera, Gabriel Lachance, Camille B. Francisco, and Stephen Lee

Précis: Cancer cells shift their use of translation initiation factors to adapt to hypoxic microenvironments where aggressive characters are selected, with implications for understanding and preventing the malignant progression of subclinical lesions.

LIMD2 Is a Small LIM-Only Protein Overexpressed in Metastatic Lesions That Regulates Cell Motility and Tumor Progression by Directly Binding to and Activating the Integrin-Linked Kinase
Hongzhuang Peng, Mehdi Talebzadeh-Farrooji, Michael J. Osborne, Jeremy W. Prokop, Paul C. McDonald, Jayashree Karar, Zhaoyuan Hou, Mei He, Electron Kebebew, Torben Orntoft, Meenhard Herlyn, Andrew J. Caton, William Fredericks, Bruce Malkowicz, Christopher S. Paterno, Alexandra S. Carolin, David W. Speicher, Emmanuel Skordalakes, Qihong Huang, Shoukat Dedhar, Katherine L.B. Borden, and Frank J. Rauscher III

Précis: A signaling component that links integrin-mediated signaling to cell motility and metastatic behavior may offer a new target to control tumor spread.

ALCAM/CD166 Is a TGF-β Responsive Marker and Functional Regulator of Prostate Cancer Metastasis to Bone
Amanda G. Hansen, Shanna A. Arnold, Ming Jiang, Trenis D. Palmer, Tatiana Ketova, Alyssa Merkel, Michael Pickup, Susan Samaras, Yu Shyr, Harold L. Moses, Simon W. Hayward, Julie A. Sterling, and Andries Zijlstra

Précis: These findings demonstrate that a molecular regulator of tumor cell migration not only contributes functionally to skeletal metastasis but also acts as a biomarker of disease progression.

HAVCR/KIM-1 Activates the IL-6/STAT-3 Pathway in Clear Cell Renal Cell Carcinoma and Determines Tumor Progression and Patient Outcome
Thais Cuadros, Enric Trilla, Eduard Sarró, Maya R. Vilà, Jordi Vilardell, Inés de Torres, Mayte Salcedo, Joan López-Hellin, Alex Sánchez, Santiago Ramón y Cajal, Emilio Itarte, Juan Morote, and Anna Meseguer

Précis: This study suggests novel insights into the mechanisms by which deadly clear cell renal cancers are driven, with implications for prognosis and follow-up care.

Suppression of MicroRNA-9 by Mutant EGFR Signaling Upregulates FOXP1 to Enhance Glioblastoma Tumorigenicity
German G. Gomez, Stefano Volinia, Carlo M. Croce, Ciro Zanca, Ming Li, Ryan Emnett, David H. Gutmann, Cameron W. Brennan, Frank B. Furnari, and Webster K. Cavenee

Précis: These findings identify an important new mechanism through which a common EGFR mutant acts to drive advanced brain cancer.

The Transcriptional Regulatory Network of Proneural Glioma Determines the Genetic Alterations Selected during Tumor Progression
Adam M. Sonabend, Mukesh Bansal, Paolo Guarneri, Liang Lei, Benjamin Amendolara, Craig Soderquist, Richard Leung, Jonathan Yun, Benjamin Kennedy, Julia Sisti, Samuel Bruce, Rachel Bruce, Reena Shakya, Thomas Ludwig, Steven Rosenfeld, Peter A. Sims, Jeffrey N. Bruce, Andrea Califano, and Peter Canoll

Précis: Perturbing a transcriptional network associated with glial progenitor transformation alters the course of glioma progression and prevents the selection of proneural-specific genetic alterations, demonstrating a functional interplay between tumor phenotype and genotype.
Overexpression of the Transcription Factor MEF2D in Hepatocellular Carcinoma Sustains Malignant Character by Suppressing G2–M Transition Genes
Leina Ma, Jia Liu, Limei Liu, Guangjie Duan, Qingliang Wang, Yanmin Xu, Feng Xia, Juanjuan Shan, Junjie Shen, Zhi Yang, Bing Bie, Youhong Cui, Xiu-Wu Bian, Jesus Prieto, Matías A. Avila, and Cheng Qian

Precis: A transcription factor implicated in leukemia cell survival is shown in this report to be an important oncogenic driver in liver cancer, with clinical implications for etiology and treatment.

Invasive Lobular Carcinoma Cell Lines Are Characterized by Unique Estrogen-Mediated Gene Expression Patterns and Altered Tamoxifen Response
Matthew J. Sikora, Kristine L. Cooper, Amir Bahreini, Soumya Luthra, Guoying Wang, Uma R. Chandran, Nancy E. Davidson, David J. Dabbs, Alana L. Welm, and Steffi Oesterreich

Precis: These results offer explanatory power to understand recent clinical observations in lobular breast cancer, where, despite favorable biomarkers, patients do not necessarily consistently exhibit favorable outcomes.

Molecular Rules Governing De Novo Methylation in Cancer
Deborah Nejman, Ravid Straussman, Israel Steinfeld, Michael Ruvolo, Douglas Roberts, Zohar Yakhini, and Howard Cedar

Precis: This study offers new knowledge into how de novo DNA methylation is controlled at CpG islands in the genome, a process widely altered in human cancer, with implications for how to develop broadly applicable epigenetic therapies for cancer prevention and treatment.

Differential Regulation of Estrogen Receptor α Expression in Breast Cancer Cells by Metastasis-Associated Protein 1
Hyun-Jin Kang, Min-Ho Lee, Hae-Lim Kang, Sung-Hye Kim, Jung-Ran Hahn, Hyelin Na, Tae-Young Na, Yo Na Kim, Je Kyung Seong, and Mi-Ock Lee

Precis: This study shows how a nucleosome remodeling complex differentially affects ERα positive and ERα-negative breast cancer cells, potentially determining their sensitivity to hormone therapy.

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Jungeun Kim, Ying Zhang, Michael Skalski, Josie Hayes, Benjamin Kefas, David Schiff, Benjamin Purrow, Sarah Parsons, Sean Lawler, and Roger Abounader

Précis: These findings provide a comprehensive analysis of the prognostic value and oncogenic function of a microRNA in aggressive brain cancer, with further implications as a potential target for therapy.

CD133⁺ Cancer Stem-like Cells in Small Cell Lung Cancer Are Highly Tumorigenic and Chemoresistant but Sensitive to a Novel Neuropeptide Antagonist

Sana Sarvi, Alison C. Mackinnon, Nicolaos Avlonitis, Mark Bradley, Robert C. Rintoul, Doris M. Rassl, Wei Wang, Stuart J. Forbes, Christopher D. Gregory, and Tariq Sethi

Précis: Small-cell lung cancer has neuroendocrine features that suggest its targeting by neuropeptide antagonists, an idea that is strongly reinforced by the findings of this study.

VEGF-Mediated Angiogenesis Links EMT-Induced Cancer Stemness to Tumor Initiation

Anna Fantozzi, Dorothea C. Gruber, Laura Pisarsky, Chantal Heck, Akiko Kunita, Mahmut Yilmaz, Nathalie Meyer-Schaller, Karen Cornille, Ulrike Hopfer, Mohamed Bentires-Alj, and Gerhard Christofori

Précis: This study offers provocative findings suggesting that the ability of cancer stem-like cells to initiate cancer relies on their ability to promote angiogenesis.

Mesenchymal Stem Cells Use IDO to Regulate Immunity in Tumor Microenvironment

Weifang Ling, Jinmin Zhang, Zengrong Yuan, Guangwen Ren, Liying Zhang, Xiaodong Chen, Arnold B. Rabson, Arthur I. Roberts, Ying Wang, and Yufang Shi

Précis: This study corroborates the concept that IDO offers a pivotal mediator of immune escape in human cancer by showing that IDO expression in mesenchymal stem cells in the tumor microenvironment is sufficient to drive tumor formation.

Sequential Gene Targeting to Make Chimeric Tumor Models with De Novo Chromosomal Abnormalities


Précis: This study describes a rapid method to generate mouse models of cancer, providing a flexible platform to tag cancer-initiating cells and a means to learn how chromosomal abnormalities interact with other mutations.

Integrin αvβ6 Promotes an Osteolytic Program in Cancer Cells by Upregulating MMP2


Précis: This study shows how expression of a single integrin can contribute to osteolysis by cancer cells by triggering matrix degradation in bone.

Interactions between MUC1 and p120 Catenin Regulate Dynamic Features of Cell Adhesion, Motility, and Metastasis

Xiang Liu, Chunhui Yi, Yunfei Wen, Prakash Radhakrishnan, Jarrod R. Tremayne, Thongtan Dao, Keith R. Johnson, and Michael A. Hollingsworth

Précis: These findings provide new functional insights into the dynamic interplay between cell adhesion and motility and their relationship to metastasis.

Correction: Circadian Regulation of mTOR by the Ubiquitin Pathway in Renal Cell Carcinoma

Corrections
ABOUT THE COVER

Chemoresistant small cell lung cancer (SCLC) tumors demonstrate increased expression of CD133, a known marker for cancer stem cells. The CD133 positive SCLC cells coexpress gastrin releasing peptide receptor (GRPR), which facilitates signaling and growth in response to GRP while rendering cells more sensitive to neuropeptide antagonists. Confocal microscopic analysis of chemoresistant human SCLC xenografts show clusters of CD133 positive cells (green) within the tumor that were shown to coexpress GRPR (red). Antagonists such as the one described by Sarvi and colleagues may provide a new avenue for the treatment of chemoresistant SCLC tumors. For details, see article by Sarvi and colleagues on page 1554.