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Précis: Steroid receptor coactivators are key oncogenes and attractive drug targets for cancer therapy that can be effectively inhibited with the small-molecule inhibitor bufalin.

1518 BRCA2 Phosphorylated by PLK1 Moves to the Midbody to Regulate Cytokinesis Mediated by Nonmuscle Myosin IIC
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1529 Axon Guidance Factor SLIT2 Inhibits Neural Invasion and Metastasis in Pancreatic Cancer
Andreas Göhrig, Katharina M. Detjen, Georg Hilfenhaus, Jan L. Körner, Martina Welzel, Ruza Arsenic, Rosa Schmuck, Marcus Bahra, Jane Y. Wu, Bertram Wiedemann, and Christian Fischer
Précis: A cell surface receptor system that guides neuronal migration appears to be dysfunctional co-opted during development of pancreatic cancer, possibly driving its propensity to metastasize from the pancreas along nerve tracts.
microRNA-148a Is a Prognostic oncomiR That Targets MIG6 and BIM to Regulate EGFR and Apoptosis in Glioblastoma
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, Jimin 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

CORRECTION

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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.
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