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Précis: These findings show how coordinated regulation of gene expression programs by two distinct epigenetic modifiers drives malignant properties in breast cancer cells.

1718  Neuroplastic Changes Occur Early in the Development of Pancreatic Ductal Adenocarcinoma
Rachelle E. Stopczynski, Daniel P. Normolle, Douglas J. Hartman, Haoqiang Ying, Jennifer J. DeBerry, Klaus Bielefeldt, Andrew D. Rhim, Ronald A. DePinho, Kathryn M. Albers, and Brian M. Davis

Précis: These studies show that changes in the peripheral nervous system occur early during tumor development and may play an important role in disease progression.

1728  HDAC2 Provides a Critical Support to Malignant Progression of Hepatocellular Carcinoma through Feedback Control of mTORC1 and AKT
Ji Heon Noh, Hyun Jin Bae, Jung Woo Eun, Qinyu Shen, Se Jin Park, Hyung Seok Kim, Boas Nam, Woo Chan Shin, Eun Kyung Lee, Kyungbun Lee, Ja-Jun Jang, Won Sang Park, Jung Young Lee, and Suk Woo Nam

Précis: This study of a histone deacetylase that is essential for mitogenic signaling in liver cancers may offer a new interventional target for more effective therapy.

1739  p16INK4A Impairs Homologous Recombination–Mediated DNA Repair in Human Papillomavirus–Positive Head and Neck Tumors
Rüveyda Dok, Peter Kalev, Evert Jan Van Limbergen, Layka Abbasi Ashaghi, Iria Vázquez, Esther Hauben, Anna Sablina, and Sandra Nuyts

Précis: These findings reveal an unexpected function of the tumor suppressor p16INK4A in promoting the homologous recombination pathway of DNA repair, suggesting that p16INK4A status in head and neck cancer patients may offer an independent marker to predict their response to radiotherapy.

1752  Genetic Validation of the Protein Arginine Methyltransferase PRMT5 as a Candidate Therapeutic Target in Glioblastoma

Précis: This study presents a novel candidate prognostic and therapeutic target in aggressive brain cancers, with implications for understanding the basis for poor patient survival.

1752  Activated ERBB2/HER2 Licenses Sensitivity to Apoptosis upon Endoplasmic Reticulum Stress through a PERK-Dependent Pathway
Rosa Martín-Perez, Carmen Palacios, Rosario Yerbes, Ana Cano-González, Daniel Iglesias-Serret, Joan Gil, Mauricio J. Reginato, and Abelardo López-Rivas

Précis: These findings offer a rationale for the therapeutic exploration of treatments inducing ER stress against mutant ERBB2-expressing breast tumor cells.

1778  ATDC/TRIM29 Phosphorylation by ATM/ MAPKAP Kinase 2 Mediates Radioresistance in Pancreatic Cancer Cells
Lidong Wang, Huibin Yang, Phillip L. Palmbos, Gina Ney, Taylor Ann Detzler, Dawn Coleman, Jacob Leflein, Mary Davis, Min Zhang, Wenhua Tang, J. Kevin Hicks, Corey M. Helchowski, Jayendra Prasad, Theodore S. Lawrence, Liang Xu, Xochun Yu, Christine E. Canman, Mats Ljungman, and Diane M. Simeone

Précis: These findings link a TRIM family protein that binds DNA and p53 to radioresistance in pancreatic cancer, suggesting its candidacy as a therapeutic target to improve the efficacy of DNA-damaging treatments used to treat this disease.
Alarmin IL-33 Acts as an Immunoadjuvant to Enhance Antigen-Specific Tumor Immunity
Daniel O. Villarreal, Megan C. Wise, Jewell N. Walters, Emma L. Reuschel, Min Joung Choi, Nyamekye Obeng-Adjei, Jian Yan, Matthew P. Morrow, and David B. Weiner

Precis: These findings offer a preclinical proof of concept that IL-33 improves the immune potency of tumor vaccines, promoting tumor cell clearance and regressions to fully empower cancer immunotherapy.

miR-30-5p Functions as a Tumor Suppressor and Novel Therapeutic Tool by Targeting the Oncogenic Wnt/β-Catenin/BCL9 Pathway
Jian-Jun Zhao, Jianhong Lin, Di Zhu, Xujun Wang, Daniel Brooks, Ming Chen, Zhang-Bo Chu, Kohichi Takada, Bryan Ciccarelli, Samir Admin, Jianguo Tao, Yu-Tzu Tai, Steven Teoon, Geraldine Pinkus, Winston Patrick Kuo, Teru Hideshima, Mary Bouxsein, Nikhil Munshi, Kenneth Anderson, and Ruben Carrasco

Precis: These findings offer a preclinical rationale to explore delivery of a tumor-suppressive microRNA as an effective therapeutic strategy to eradicate multiple myeloma cells.

Chromosome 10, Frequently Lost in Human Melanoma, Encodes Multiple Tumor-Suppressive Functions
Lawrence N. Kwong and Lynda Chin

Precis: These results show how regional aberrations in chromosome copy number can lead to loss of multiple important tumor-suppressor functions in cancer.

Id2 Mediates Oligodendrocyte Precursor Cell Maturation Arrest and Is Tumorigenic in a PDGF-Rich Microenvironment
Matthew C. Havrda, Brenton R. Paolella, Cong Ran, Karola S. Jering, Christina M. Wray, Jaclyn M. Sullivan, Audrey Nailor, Yasuyuki Hitoshi, and Mark A. Israel

Precis: This study of distinct subsets of adult tissue progenitors points to a maturation arrest of oligodendrogial precursor cells in the pathogenesis of PDGF-dependent brain tumors.

Sox2 Is Required to Maintain Cancer Stem Cells in a Mouse Model of High-Grade Oligodendrogioma
Rebecca Favaro, Irene Appolloni, Serena Pellegratta, Alexandra Badiola Sangà, Pierfrancesco Pagella, Eleonora Gambini, Federica Pisati, Sergio Ottolenghi, Maria Foti, Gaetano Finocchiaro, Paolo Malatesta, and Silvia K. Nicolisi

Precis: These findings define an immunotherapeutic target for treatment of a form of brain malignancy, which acts by depleting cancer stem-like cells required to sustain the malignancy in a mouse model system.

Expression of Variant Isoforms of the Tyrosine Kinase SYK Determines the Prognosis of Hepatocellular Carcinoma
Jian Hong, Yunfei Yuan, Jianping Wang, Yadi Liao, Rubai Zou, Chuanlong Zhu, Binkui Li, Yi Liang, Pinzhu Huang, Zongwei Wang, Wenyu Lin, Yixin Zeng, Jia Le Dai, and Raymond T. Chung

Precis: These findings define opposing functions of the two isoforms of the SYK kinase in liver cancer, with the larger isoform enhancing invasion and the smaller isoform enhancing metastasis, patterns that in patient specimens offer strong predictors of overall survival.

MET Signaling in Colon Cancer Stem-like Cells Blunts the Therapeutic Response to EGFR Inhibitors
Paolo Luraghi, Gigliola Reato, Elia Cipriano, Francesco Sassi, Francesca Orzan, Viola Bigatto, Francesca De Bacco, Elena Menietti, May Han, William M. Rideout III, Timothy Perera, Andrea Bertotti, Livio Trusolino, Paolo M. Comoglio, and Carla Boccaccio

Precis: Using cancer stem-like cells isolated directly from metastatic colorectal patients, this study reveals the importance of both EGFR and MET signaling and offers a strong preclinical proof of concept for concurrent targeting of both of these receptors in the clinical setting.

p300 Acetyltransferase Regulates Androgen Receptor Degradation and PTEN-Deficient Prostate Tumorigenesis
Jian Zhong, Liya Ding, Laura R. Bohrer, Yunqian Pan, Ping Liu, Jun Zhang, Thomas J. Sebo, R. Jeffrey Karnes, Donald J. Tindall, Jan van Deursen, and Haojie Huang

Precis: This article identifies a key determinant in degradation of the androgen receptor, highlighting its importance as a candidate therapeutic target in managing prostate cancers marked by loss of the tumor suppressor PTEN.
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Pancreas from a 12-week-old KPCT (p48-Cre; LSL-Kras^{G12D}; p53^{null}; Rosa26-LSL-tdTomato) mouse with precancerous PanIN lesions but no tumor. dtTomato-label (red) marks pancreas epithelial-derived cells, in this case normal-appearing acinar cells. PGP 9.5 antibody (green) was used to stain nerve fibers that exhibit hypertrophy and sprouting within pancreatic tissue, beginning at histologic precancer stages and increasing as the disease progresses. For details, see article by Stopczynski and colleagues on page 1718.