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Xiaoyu Fan, Chunyan He, Wei Jing, Xuyu Zhou, Rui Chen, Lei Cao, Minhui Zhu, Rongjie Iia, Hao Wang, Yajun Guo, and Jian Zhao

Precis: Osteopontin is known to act in the tumor microenvironment to promote inflammatory processes that facilitate progression, but this study reveals that it also acts within macrophages that infiltrate budding liver tumors to achieve this end by altering Toll-like receptor signaling.

PLK1 Phosphorylates PAX3-FOXO1, the Inhibition of Which Triggers Regression of Alveolar Rhabdomyosarcoma
Verena Thalhammer, Laura A. Lopez-Garcia, David Herrera-Martin, Regina Hecker, Dominik Laubscher, Maria E. Gierisch, Marco Wachtel, Peter Bode, Paolo Nanni, Bernd Blank, Ewa Koscielniak, and Beat W. Schafer

Precis: These findings offer a preclinical proof of concept to target the mitotic kinase PLK1 as a rational strategy to treat an aggressive pediatric tumor.

MOLECULAR AND CELLULAR PATHOBIOLOGY

Tropomodulin 1 Expression Driven by NF-kB Enhances Breast Cancer Growth
Taku Ito-Kureha, Naohiko Koshikawa, Mizuki Yamamoto, Rentaro Sembha, Noritaka Yamaguchi, Tadashi Yamamoto, Motoharu Seiki, and Jun-ichiro Inoue

Precis: These findings highlight a novel mechanistic linkage to help explain the NF-kB-dependent malignant phenotype of triple-negative breast cancer, with implications for defining useful theranostic targets in this aggressive disease.

Twist1 Is a Key Regulator of Cancer-Associated Fibroblasts
Keun-Woo Lee, So-Young Yeo, Chang Ohk Sung, and Seok-Hyun Kim

Precis: Already known as a central contributor to EMT, which drives metastatic progression in cancer cells, the transcription factor Twist1 is also found to function in cancer-associated fibroblasts, where it appears to offer a compelling target to deprogram the tumor-supporting features of the cancer microenvironment.

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Precis: An adjuvant molecule that enhances the therapeutic effects of a cancer vaccine was found paradoxically to reduce the efficiency of antigen delivery to lymph nodes, challenging what has been thought to be necessary in an effective adjuvant—at least as formed by expectations from studies of infectious disease vaccines.

LASP1 Is a HIF1alpha Target Gene Critical for Metastasis of Pancreatic Cancer
Tiansuo Zhao, He Ren, Jing Li, Jing Chen, Huan Zhang, Wen Xin, Yan Sun, Lei Sun, Yongwei Yang, Junwei Sun, Xiuchao Wang, Song Cao, Chonghiao Huang, Huafeng Zhang, Shengyu Yang, and Jiuhao Hao

Precis: This study identifies a key mediator of metastasis in pancreatic ductal carcinomas that are typically already disseminated at the time of diagnosis, a central challenge in the management of this disease.

THERAPEUTICS, TARGETS, AND CHEMICAL BIOLOGY

VEGF-Targeted Therapy Stably Modulates the Glycolytic Phenotype of Tumor Cells
Matteo Curtarello, Elisabetta Zulato, Giorgia Nardo, Silvia Valtorta, Giulia Guzzo, Elisabetta Rossi, Giovanni Esposito, Aichi Msaki, Anna Pasto, Andrea Rasola, Luca Persano, Francesco Ciccarese, Roberta Bertorelle, Sergio Todde, Mario Plebani, Henrike Schroer, Stefan Walenta, Wolfgang Mueller-Klieser, Alberto Amadori, Rosa Maria Moresco, and Stefano Indraccolo

Precis: These findings suggest that the application of antiangiogenic therapy in cancer selects for metabolic traits of tumors that not only confer treatment resistance but also potentially have a more aggressive character, challenging a central tenet of antiangiogenic therapy as inherently less susceptible to the evolution of resistance.

Foretinib Is Effective Therapy for Metastatic Sonic Hedgehog Medulloblastoma

Precis: These findings provide a strong rationale to clinically evaluate foretinib immediately as a therapy for a defined subset of patients with the most common form of malignant pediatric brain tumor.
Four-in-One Antibodies Have Superior Cancer Inhibitory Activity against EGFR, HER2, HER3, and VEGF through Disruption of HER/MET Crosstalk

Shi Hu, Wenyuan Fu, Weihao Xu, Yang Yang, Hiroaki Takeda, and Wangdong Zhu

Precis: These results establish a new principle to achieve combined HER receptor inhibition and limit drug resistance using a single antibody.

Genetic Disruption of Lactate/H⁻ Symporters (MCTs) and Their Subunit CD147/BASIGIN Sensitizes Glycolytic Tumor Cells to Phenformin

Ibtissam Marchiq, Renaud Le Floch, Danielle Roux, Marie-Pierre Simon, and Jacques Pouyssegur

Precis: This study offers preclinical proof of concept for targeting lactic acid export as a therapeutic approach, the effect of which can be magnified by coupling it with phenformin, an antidiabetic biguanide drug.

Mdm2 and Aurora Kinase A Inhibitors Synergize to Block Melanoma Growth by Driving Apoptosis and Immune Clearance of Tumor Cells

Anna E. Vilgelm, Jeff S. Pawlikowski, Yan Liu, Oriana E. Hawkins, Tyler A. Davis, Jessica Smith, Kevin P. Weller, Linda W. Horton, Colt M. McClain, Gregory D. Ayers, David C. Turner, David C. Essaka, Clinton F. Stewart, Jeffrey A. Sosman, Mark C. Kelley, Jeffrey A. Ecsedy, Jeffrey N. Johnston, and Ann Richmond

Precis: These findings offer preclinical proof of concept for a combination drug treatment that leverages both senescence and immune surveillance to improve therapeutic outcomes.

α-Tubulin Acetylation Elevated in Metastatic and Basal-like Breast Cancer Cells Promotes Microtentacle Formation, Adhesion, and Invasive Migration

Amanda E. Boggs, Michele I Vitolo, Rebecca A. Whipple, Monica S. Charpentier, Olga G. Goloubeva, Olga B. Ioffe, Kimberly C. Tuttle, Jana Slovic, Yiling Lu, Gordon B. Mills, and Stuart S. Martin

Precis: These results identify a tight correlation between acetylated α-tubulin levels and aggressive metastatic behavior in breast cancer, with potential implications for the definition of a simple prognostic biomarker in patients with basal-like breast cancers.

SYK Is a Candidate Kinase Target for the Treatment of Advanced Prostate Cancer


Precis: These striking preclinical findings offer a mechanistic rationale to immediately reposition SYK kinase inhibitors currently in early clinical trials for evaluation in patients with metastatic prostate cancer.
ABOUT THE COVER

Timing of GLA in relation to vaccination impacts the pattern of OT1 cell accumulation. Representative bioluminescent images show site-specific accumulation of OT1 cells in different groups of mice 4 days post hind footpad vaccination. Vaccine-primed T cells accumulated in the draining lymph nodes in mice that received GVAX only or when GLA 24 was given 24 hrs post GVAX. However, when GLA is coadministered with GVAX, a systemic pattern of T-cell accumulation was observed. For details, see article by Kadayakkaza and colleagues on page 51.
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