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ABOUT THE COVER

The immunofluorescence image is of an aortic ring treated with IL6 stained for vessels (green), pericytes (red), and cell nuclei (blue). Here, it is shown that IL6 stimulates angiogenesis with defective pericyte coverage. Treatment of peritoneal xenografts of ovarian cancer with an anti-IL6 antibody restored pericyte coverage of the tumor blood vessels. The authors' findings have implications for the use of cancer therapies that target IL6 and for understanding abnormal angiogenesis in cancers, chronic inflammatory disease, and stroke. For details, see article by Gopinathan and colleagues on page 3098.