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3738 Pulsed High-Intensity Focused Ultrasound Enhances Delivery of Doxorubicin in a Preclinical Model of Pancreatic Cancer
Tong Li, Yak-Nam Wang, Tatiana D. Khokhlova, Samantha D’Andrea, Frank Starr, Hong Chen, Jeannine M. Cacace, Linda J. Risler, Afshin Mashadi-Hossein, and Joo Ha Hwang

Précis: This study offers a proof of concept for the use of a handheld imaging device during wide-area resections of solid tumors to assure cleaner surgical margins in a real-time setting that contribute to reduced morbidity and mortality from cancer.
A Threshold Level of Intratumor CD8+ T-cell PD1 Expression Dictates Therapeutic Response to Anti-PD1
Shin Foong Ngio, Arabella Young, Nicolas Jacquelot, Takahiro Yamaizaki, David Enot, Laurence Zitvogel, and Mark J. Smyth
Précis: This study shows how PD1 levels in CD8+ T cells that are present in tumors can predict the treatment response to PD1 antibodies and how regulatory T cells participate in controlling this sensitivity, with immediate implications for addressing the timely question of which patients will respond best to this exciting immune checkpoint therapy.

STAT3 Inhibition Enhances the Therapeutic Efficacy of Immunogenic Chemotherapy by Stimulating Type 1 Interferon Production by Cancer Cells
Heng Yang, Takahiro Yamaizaki, Federico Pietrocola, Heng Zhou, Laurence Zitvogel, Yuting Ma, and Guido Kroemer
Précis: STAT3 inhibitors may improve the therapeutic benefits of anthracyclines through augmenting cancer cell-autonomous type 1 IFN response.

Preclinical Characterization of Novel Chordoma Cell Systems and Their Targeting by Pharmacological Inhibitors of the CDK4/6 Cell-Cycle Pathway
Adrian von Witleben, Lukas T. Goerttler, Ralf Marienfeld, Holger Barth, André Lechal, Kevin Mellert, Michael Böhm, Marko Kornmann, Regine Mayer-Steinacker, Alexandra von Baer, Markus Schultheiss, Adrienne M. Flanagan, Regine Mayer-Steinacker, Alexandra von Baer, Markus Schultheiss, Adrienne M. Flanagan, Peter Möller, Silke Bräderlein, and Thomas F.E. Barth
Précis: This study describes the characterization of a valuable new tool for studies of chordoma, a deadly and little understood tumor arising at vertebral bodies and the base of the skull, along with the identification of a candidate prognostic biomarker and molecular targeting strategy.

Loss of RACK1 Promotes Metastasis of Gastric Cancer by Inducing a miR-302c/IL8 Signaling Loop
Ling Chen, Lingsiang Min, Xuelei Wang, Junjie Zhao, Hua Chen, Jing Qin, Weidong Chen, Zhenbin Shen, Zhaoqiang Tang, Qiangjun Gan, Yuanynan Ruan, Yihong Sun, Xinyu Qin, and Jianxin Gu
Précis: This study connects epigenetics and inflammatory cytokine control during tumorogenesis in gastric tissue, showing how an epithelium state affects key mediators in establishing a master-slave relationship in the tumor microenvironment.
Therapeutics, Targets, and Chemical Biology

3842 Small-Molecule NSC59984 Restores p53 Pathway Signaling and Antitumor Effects against Colorectal Cancer via p73 Activation and Degradation of Mutant p53


Précis: The p53 pathway-activating compound reported in this study is highly novel, not only stimulating p73 expression and function but also targeting gain-of-function mutants of p53 that are expressed widely in human cancers, with potentially broad-reaching implications for cancer treatment.

3853 Multiplex Genome-Edited T-cell Manufacturing Platform for "Off-the-Shelf" Adoptive T-cell Immunotherapies

Laurent Poirot, Brian Philip, Cecile Schiffer-Mannioui, Diane Le Clerre, Isabelle Chion-Sotinel, Sophie Demianie, Pierrick Potrel, Cécile Bas, Laetitia Lemaire, Roman Galetto, Céline Lebuhotel, Justin Eyquem, Gordon Weng-Kit Cheung, Agnès Gouble, Sylvain Arnould, Karl Peggs, Martin Pule, Andrew M. Scharenberg, and Julianne Smith

Précis: This study describes methods that overcome present limitations in generating patient-derived CAR T-cell therapy by using nonalloreactive T cells from third-party donors in a scalable manufacturing process that enables an "off-the-shelf" immunotherapy to be produced.

3865 The SMARCA2/4 ATPase Domain Surpasses the Bromodomain as a Drug Target in SWI/SNF-Mutant Cancers: Insights from cDNA Rescue and PFI-3 Inhibitor Studies


Précis: These findings directly inform drug discovery efforts to translate synthetic lethal strategies into effective drugs and useful biomarkers in cancers that are driven by a mutated SWI/SNF transcription factor.

3879 ABCG2 Transporter Expression Impacts Group 3 Medulloblastoma Response to Chemotherapy

Marie Morfouace, Satish Cheepala, Sadhana Jackson, Yu Fukuda, Yogesh T. Patel, Soghra Fatima, Daisuke Kawachi, Anang A. Shelat, Clinton F. Stewart, Brian P. Somertrio, John D. Schtutz, and Martine F. Rousel

Précis: These findings offer a preclinical rationale to block ABCG2 transporter activity as a strategy to enhance the therapeutic efficacy of topotecan used to treat Group 3 medulloblastoma, a pediatric brain tumor that is particularly challenging to address clinically.

3890 miR-634 Activates the Mitochondrial Apoptosis Pathway and Enhances Chemotherapy-Induced Cytoxicity

Naoto Fujiwara, Jun Inoue, Tatsuyuki Kawano, Kousoke Tanimoto, Ken-ichi Kozaki, and Yohji Inazawa

Précis: This study shows how a little studied microRNA can alter the context in which cancer cells respond to chemotherapy-induced stress, improving efficacy in settings such as esophageal cancers, which are inherently resistant to chemotherapeutic.

Tumor and Stem Cell Biology

3912 Hypoxia Drives Breast Tumor Malignancy through a TET–TNFα–p38–MAPK Signaling Axis

Min-Zu Wu, Su-Feng Chen, Shin Nieh, Christopher Benner, Jiao-Ping Ge, Chia-Ing Jan, Li Ma, Chien-Hung Chen, Tomoki Hishida, Hong-Tai Chang, Yat-Shiang Lin, Niria Montserrat, Pedro Gascon, Ignacio Sancho-Martinez, and Juan Carlos Izpisua Belmonte

Précis: These results shed new mechanistic light on how hypoxic tumor microenvironments affect epigenetic programs in cancer cells to drive stem-like character and metastasis, suggesting new ways to eradicate cancer stem-like cells that are nurtured by such microenvironments.
ΔNp63α Promotes Breast Cancer Cell Motility through the Selective Activation of Components of the Epithelial-to-Mesenchymal Transition Program
Tuyen T. Dang, Matthew A. Esparza, Erin A. Maine, Jill M. Westcott, and Gray W. Pearson

Précis: The transcription factor ΔNp63α can initiate pro-migratory components of EMT while sustaining epithelial character, perhaps explaining the aggressive invasive behavior of certain epithelial-like cancers like basal cell breast cancers.

KAT6B Is a Tumor Suppressor Histone H3 Lysine 23 Acetyltransferase Undergoing Genomic Loss in Small Cell Lung Cancer
Laia Simó-Riudalbas, Montserrat Pérez-Salvia, Fernando Setien, Alberto Villanueva, Catia Mouzinho, Anna Martínez-Caridus, Sebastian Moran, Maria Berdasco, Antonio Gomez, Enrique Vidal, Marta Soler, Holger Heyn, Alejandro Vaquer, Carolina de la Torre, Silvia Barceló-Batllori, Reika Iwakawa, Takashi Kohno, Jun Yokota, and Manel Esteller

Précis: Understanding how genetic defects in histone modifier genes contribute to human cancer can identify common pathogenic processes and new predictive and prognostic markers.

Heparanase Enhances Tumor Growth and Chemoresistance by Promoting Autophagy
Anna Shteingauz, Ilanit Boyango, Inna Naroditsky, Edward Hammond, Maayan Gruber, Ilana Doweck, Neta Ilan, and Israel Vlodavsky

Précis: These findings illuminate the function of an enzyme implicated in tumor inflammation, angiogenesis, and metastasis in modulating autophagy in cells, thereby conferring cell growth advantages under stress and resistance to chemotherapy.

Notch1 Activation or Loss Promotes HPV-Induced Oral Tumorigenesis
Rong Zhong, Riyue Bao, Pieter W. Faber, Vytautas P. Bindokas, John Bechill, Mark W. Lingen, and Michael T. Spiotto

Précis: Strikingly, a functional screen for candidate driver genes in HPV-associated squamous cancers revealed that either gain or loss of Notch1 can promote tumor growth, by distinct pathways, suggesting great caution in the interpretation of putative driver mutations linked to cancer development.

Maspin Expression in Prostate Tumor Cells Averts Stemness and Stratifies Drug Sensitivity
M. Margarida Bernardo, Alexander Kaplun, Sijana H. Dzinic, Xiaohua Li, Jonathan Irish, Adelina Muñagag, Benjamin Jakupovic, Jessica B. Back, Eric Van Buren, Xiang Han, Ivory Dean, Yong Q. Chen, Elisabeth Heath, Wael Sakr, and Shijie Sheng

Précis: These results offer evidence that the epithelial-specific molecule maspin limits tumor cell plasticity in the prostate, thereby dictating drug sensitivity and offering a biomarker in experimental screens for curative chemotherapy.

A Molecular Portrait of High-Grade Ductal Carcinoma In Situ
Martin C. Abba, Ting Gong, Yue Lu, Jaeho Lee, Yi Zhong, Ezequiel Lacunza, Matias Butti, Yoko Takata, Sally Gaddis, Jianjun Shen, Marcos R. Estecio, Aysegul A. Sahin, and C. Marcelo Aldaz

Précis: This first comprehensive molecular profile of pre-invasive breast cancers identifies a subgroup of early-stage lesions with aggressive molecular profiles that are indistinguishable from invasive breast cancers, with immediate clinical implications for managing aggressive early-stage lesions at first diagnosis.

G-CSF Is a Cancer Stem Cell–Specific Growth Factor—Letter
John M. Maris, Jason Healy, Julie Park, Ruth Ladenstein, and Ulrike Potschger

G-CSF Is a Cancer Stem Cell–Specific Growth Factor—Response
Eugene S. Kim, Saurabh Agarwal, and Jason M. Shohet

Correction: Identification of Cyclin D1 and Other Novel Targets for the von Hippel–Lindau TumorSuppressor Gene by Expression Array Analysis and Investigation of Cyclin D1 Genotype as a Modifier in von Hippel–Lindau Disease

Correction: Mutant p53 Enhances Nuclear Factor κB Activation by Tumor Necrosis Factor α in Cancer Cells

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ABOUT THE COVER

Mast cells located in the gut move in areas of mucosal damage during the process of resolution of acute inflammation and repair. Their activity helps the quenching of inflammatory stimuli, as demonstrated by the delayed tissue repair occurring in mast cell-deficient mice. Mucosal healing is restored upon reconstitution of tissues of mast cell-deficient mice with bone marrow-derived mast cells, as indicated by histology showing the recovered crypt architecture characterizing the intestinal mucosa of reconstituted mice. These pieces of information imply a positive role of the mast cell in the resolution of intestinal inflammation and mucosal healing, which eventually becomes detrimental when transformation towards cancer occurs. For details, see article by Rigoni and colleagues on page 3760.