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*Précis:* The description of a novel truncated form of the ALK receptor shows that genomic rearrangements constitute an alternative mechanism to ALK point mutations, resulting in receptor activation in neuroblastoma, which is of importance in the context of ALK-targeted therapy in neuroblastoma patients.

205 **PNUTS Functions as a Proto-Oncogene by Sequestering PTEN**

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*Précis:* Findings expand our understanding of how cancer cells respond to replication stress, which due to the genomic disorganization of most tumor cells is experienced more acutely in cancer.

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*Précis:* Results offer proof-of-concept for a tractable approach to inhibit the Snail-Slug signaling pathway of cancer cell invasion by reversing epithelial-mesenchymal transition.

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*Précis:* Gene expression profiling studies to classify and prognose breast cancer have been disappointing, because they have yielded little if any concordance, but the microarrays used for these studies did not take into account RNA splice variants that may provide more useful gene expression signatures.

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*Précis:* A predictive DNA repair phenotype measured in peripheral lymphocytes was validated as an independent risk factor for lung cancer, with specific genetic determinants investigated in a two-stage analysis.

265 **A Classification Model for BRCA2 DNA Binding Domain Missense Variants Based on Homology-Directed Repair Activity**  
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*Précis:* An assay that can measure the homology-directed repair activity of BRCA2 can predict the cancer pathogenicity of missense mutations in this tumor suppressor gene, possibly impacting the ability to predict cancer susceptibilities in patients harboring those mutations.

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*Précis:* This study defines pharmacodynamic markers to predict responsiveness or resistance to a plethora of experimental clinical agents being developed to therapeutically inhibit the PI3K/Akt/mTOR signaling pathway in cancer.

285 **Kinase Pathway Dependence in Primary Human Leukemias Determined by Rapid Inhibitor Screening**  
Jeffrey W. Tyner, Wayne F. Yang, Armand Bankhead III, Guang Fan, Luke B. Fletcher, Jade Bryant, Jason M. Glover, Bill H. Chang, Stephen E. Spurgeon, William H. Fleming, Tibor Kovacsovic, Jason R. Gotlib, Stephen T. Oh, Michael W. Deininger, Christian Michel Zwaan, Monique L. Den Boer, Marry M. van den Heuvel-Eibrink, Thomas O'Hare, Brian J. Druker, and Marc M. Loriaux

*Précis:* Interrogation of leukemia cells with a kinase inhibitor library allows for computational prediction of kinase pathway dependence and identifies candidate therapies for patients.

297 **EGFR/JIP-4/JNK2 Signaling Attenuates Cetuximab-Mediated Radiosensitization of Squamous Cell Carcinoma Cells**  
Iris Eke, Lydia Schneider, Claudia Förster, Daniel Zips, Leoni A. Kunz-Schughart, and Nils Cordes

*Précis:* Blockades to the mechanism by which EGFR targeting is naturally attenuated in vivo have the potential to increase the efficacy of anti-EGFR therapies in clinic.

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*Précis:* A natural product that targets an RXR-mediated cell survival pathway may offer a new strategy to kill cancer cells.

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Shuaidong Huo, Huili Ma, Keyang Huang, Juan Liu, Tuo Wei, Shubin Jin, Jinchao Zhang, Shengtai He, and Xing-Jie Liang

*Précis:* This work reveals that smaller nanoparticles are more effective than larger particles at delivering drugs to tumor cells, with implications for many kinds of cancer nanotherapy studies.

331 **ABL Regulation by AXL Promotes Cisplatin Resistance in Esophageal Cancer**

Jun Hong, DunFa Peng, Zheng Chen, Vikas Sehdev, and Abbes Belkhir

*Précis:* Esophageal cancers rising in incidence, possibly due to reductions in gastric *H. pylori* infections in developed countries, are commonly resistant to cytotoxic chemotherapies that remain a current standard of care.

373 **STAT5 Is Crucial to Maintain Leukemic Stem Cells in Acute Myelogenous Leukemias Induced by MOZ-TIF2**

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*Précis:* Findings suggest that disruption of pathogenic signals from STAT5 may powerfully disable an aggressive and mainly untreatable leukemia.

385 **E3 Ubiquitin Ligase RNF126 Promotes Cancer Cell Proliferation by Targeting the Tumor Suppressor p21 for Ubiquitin-Mediated Degradation**

Xu Zhi, Dong Zhao, Zehua Wang, Zhongmei Zhou, Chunyan Wang, Wenlin Chen, Rong Liu, and Ceshi Chen

*Précis:* In defining an E3 ubiquitin ligase as a target for new cancer treatments, this study reveals mechanistic insights into the control of a pivotal cell cycle inhibitor.

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*Précis:* Tumor vascularization mediated by bone marrow-derived vascular progenitor cells relies upon certain microRNAs that may offer novel targets for antiangiogenic therapy.

353 **A Preclinical Mouse Model of Invasive Lobular Breast Cancer Metastasis**

Chris W. Doornebal, Sjoerd Klarenbeek, Tanya M. Braumuller, Christiaan N. Klijn, Metamia Ciampriotti, Cheei-Sing Hau, Markus W. Hollmann, Jos Jonkers, and Karin E. de Visser

*Précis:* This study reports a model of metastatic cancer that may improve the ability to predict clinical responses to novel therapies against metastatic disease, where there remains the greatest need of accurate predictions for new clinical agents being tested.

364 **NF-κB Activity Regulates Mesenchymal Stem Cell Accumulation at Tumor Sites**

Ryosuke Uchibori, Tomonori Tsukahara, Hiroyuki Mizuguchi, Yasushi Saga, Masashi Urabe, Hiroaki Mizukami, Akihiro Kume, and Keiya Ozawa

*Précis:* This study offers a basis to understand the tumor-targeting abilities of mesenchymal stem cells, which have been studied as vectors for the more efficient delivery of cancer gene therapies, with implications for how to best direct their application in this setting.

395 **Immune-Dependent and Independent Antitumor Activity of GM-CSF Aberrantly Expressed by Mouse and Human Colorectal Tumors**

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*Précis:* Granulocyte-macrophage colony-stimulating factor (GM-CSF) is overexpressed in a subset of colon tumors, which when coupled with expression of GM-CSF receptor leads to a strong antitumor activity.

406 **Cisplatin Selects for Multidrug-Resistant CD133<sup>+</sup> Cells in Lung Adenocarcinoma by Activating Notch Signaling**

Yu-Peng Liu, Chih-Jen Yang, Ming-Shyan Huang, Chi-Tai Yeh, Alexander T.H. Wu, Yu-Cheng Lee, Tsung-Ching Lai, Chien-Hsin Lee, Ya-Wen Hsiao, Jean Lu, Chia-Ning Shen, Pei-Jung Lu, and Michael Hsiao

*Précis:* This important study suggests that Notch pathway inhibitors may prevent the emergence of drug-resistant cancer stem cells selected by platinum-based chemotherapy, which is used to treat many types of human cancer.

417 **A Tumorigenic MLL-Homeobox Network in Human Glioblastoma Stem Cells**  
Marco Gallo, Jenny Ho, Fiona J. Coutinho, Robert Vanner, Lilian Lee, Renee Head, Erick K. M. Ling, Ian D. Clarke, and Peter B. Dirks  
*Précis:* This seminal study provides the first evidence for a functional MLL-homeobox transcription factor network that contributes to the stem cell functions supporting glioblastoma tumorigenicity.

428  **$\alpha$ -Catulin Drives Metastasis by Activating ILK and Driving an  $\alpha$ v $\beta$ 3 Integrin Signaling Axis**  
Chen-Hsien Liang, Szu-Ying Chiu, I-Ling Hsu, Yi-Ying Wu, Yao-Tsung Tsai, Jhen-Yu Ke, Szu-Hua Pan, Yi-Chiung Hsu, Ker-Chau Li, Pan-Chyr Yang, Yuh-Ling Chen, and Tse-Ming Hong  
*Précis:* Findings reveal a novel signaling axis of invasion and metastasis in lung adenocarcinoma that offers therapeutic targets to treat this aggressive disease.

439 **MIG-7 Controls COX-2/PGE2-Mediated Lung Cancer Metastasis**  
Ming-Yi Ho, Shu-Mei Liang, Shao-Wen Hung, and Chi-Ming Liang  
*Précis:* Findings identify a prognostic marker and therapeutic target expressed highly selectively in many types of human metastatic tumor cells where COX-2 and PGE-2 levels are elevated.

450 **Constitutive HER2 Signaling Promotes Breast Cancer Metastasis through Cellular Senescence**  
Pier Davide Angelini, Mariano F. Zacarias Fluck, Kim Pedersen, Josep Lluís Parra-Palau, Marc Guiu, Cristina Bernadó Morales, Rocio Vicario, Antonio Luque-García, Nerea Peiró Navalpotro, Jordi Giralt, Francesc Canals, Roger R. Gomis, Josep Taberner, José Baselga, Josep Villanueva, and Joaquín Arribas  
*Précis:* It is increasingly clear that cell senescence cannot be understood simply as a mechanism of tumor suppression in cancer, because it can also promote development of later stages in malignant progression as this study reveals mechanistically.

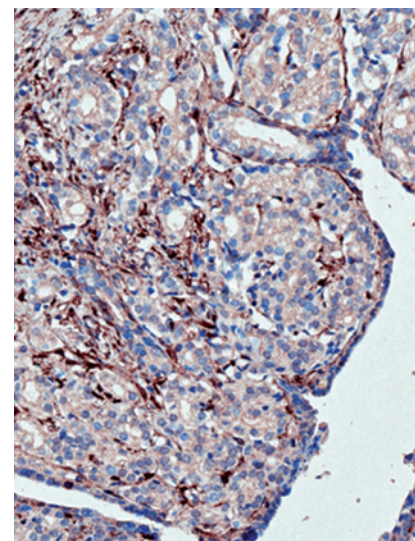
459 **Production of Gastrointestinal Tumors in Mice by Modulating Latent TGF- $\beta$ 1 Activation**  
Kotaro Shibahara, Mitsuhiko Ota, Masahito Horiguchi, Keiji Yoshinaga, Jonathan Melamed, and Daniel B. Rifkin  
*Précis:* Sophisticated genetic manipulations in the mouse that can finely tune TGF- $\beta$  expression in the lower gastrointestinal tract can strongly influence the incidence and frequency of tumors formed there.

## CORRECTION

469 **Correction: Cyclin D2–Cyclin-Dependent Kinase 4/6 Is Required for Efficient Proliferation and Tumorigenesis following Apc Loss**

## ABOUT THE COVER

Galectins, a family of endogenous glycan-binding proteins, play different roles in tumor-related processes including tumor transformation, metastasis, angiogenesis, and tumor-immune escape. In spite of considerable progress in elucidating the role of individual galectins in tumor biology, an integrated portrait of the galectin network in different tumor microenvironments is missing. Laderach and colleagues identified a unique galectin signature during human prostate cancer progression characterized by lower levels of galectins-3, -4, -9 and -12, no changes in galectin-8 expression, and dramatic upregulation of galectin-1. In human prostate cancer tissue, galectin-1 expression correlated with the presence of blood vessels in advanced disease. This endogenous lectin promoted prostate cancer angiogenesis through mechanisms that were independent of classical proangiogenic factors, suggesting a tractable independent target for prostate cancer therapy in advanced stages of the disease. For details, please see the article by Laderach and colleagues on page 86.



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