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**Précis**: Using a novel quantitative imaging platform to determine the status of an activated biomarker in cancer patients may better identify high-risk patients who could benefit from a suitable targeted drug therapy.

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Katherine T. Ostopoff, Bercin Kutluk Cenik, Miao Wang, Risheng Ye, Xiaohong Xu, Desiree Nugent, Moriah M. Hagopian, Mary Topalovski, Lee B. Rivera, Kyla D. Carroll, and Rolf A. Brekken

**Précis**: This study demonstrates that TGFβ signaling in stromal cells directly affects tumor cell plasticity and the metastatic capacity of pancreatic tumors.

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**TLR7 Promotes Tumor Progression, Chemotherapy Resistance, and Poor Clinical Outcomes in Non–Small Cell Lung Cancer**
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**Précis**: Activation of an immune stimulatory molecule, TLR7, studied mainly in immune cells but also highly expressed in human lung carcinoma cells, confers powerful tumor growth advantage that may be mediated in part by NF-κB, perhaps helping explain its contributions to cancer.

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Neil C. Robson, Laura Hidalgo, Tristan McAlpine, Heng Wei, Víctor G. Martínez, Ana Estrena, Gustavo J. Melen, Andrew S. MacDonald, Alexander Phythin-Adams, Rosa Sacedón, Eugene Maraskovsky, Jonathan Cebon, Manuel Ramírez, Angeles Vicente, and Alberto Varas

**Précis**: The TGFβ superfamily members BMP-2 and BMP-6 are produced by and are required to support the optimal functions of natural killer immune cells, suggesting new ways to enhance the powerful capability of these cells to eradicate tumors.

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Rosa Anna DeFilippis, Colleen Fordyce, Kelley Pattin, Hang Chang, Jianxin Zhao, Gerald V. Fontenay, Karla Kerlikowske, Bahram Parvin, and Thea D. Tlsty

**Précis**: These findings provide new insights into how high mammographic density arises in the breast and why this condition is associated with breast cancer risk, with implications for the definition of novel invention targets to prevent breast cancer.

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**Précis**: This study of spontaneous mammary cancers that arise in dogs offers a novel perspective on critical questions in breast cancer research.
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Précis: This preclinical study provides a rationale to target the oncogenic receptor kinase AXL in cancers that exhibit intrinsic or acquired resistance to the anti-EGFR drug cetuximab, with immediate implications for the clinical evaluation of AXL inhibitors in cetuximab-resistant cancers.

5165 RPA Inhibition Increases Replication Stress and Suppresses Tumor Growth
Jason G. Glanzer, Shengpin Liu, Ling Wang, Adam Mosel, Aimin Peng, and Greg C. Oakley
Précis: By targeting a lynchpin of DNA replication, a compound that heightens DNA replication stress in cancer cells may offer a broadly useful new strategy for treatment.

5173 HSV-1sr39TK Positron Emission Tomography and Suicide Gene Elimination of Human Hematopoietic Stem Cells and Their Progeny in Humanized Mice
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Précis: These results support the clinical development of a dual use imaging-suicide gene in immunotherapy and provide insights into the reversible engraftment of human hematopoietic stem cells.

5184 Quantitative Optical Imaging of Primary Tumor Organoid Metabolism Predicts Drug Response in Breast Cancer
Alex J. Walsh, Rebecca S. Cook, Melinda E. Sanders, Luigi Aurisicchio, Gennaro Ciliberto, Carlos L. Arteaga, and Melissa C. Skala
Précis: This study demonstrates that cellular-level optical imaging of metabolic coenzymes resolves early, heterogeneous drug responses within primary tumor organoid cultures that are consistent with long-term in vivo tumor response.

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Nobuhiro Nishio, Julio Dlaconu, Hao Liu, Vincenzo Cerullo, Ignazio Caruana, Valentina Hoyos, Lisa Bouchier-Hayes, Barbara Savoldo, and Gianpietro Dotti
Précis: The cytokine/chemokine-armed virus described in this report may improve the effectiveness of CAR T-cell therapy in solid tumors, where this therapy has not been nearly as effective as in liquid tumors.

5206 FLT3 Kinase Inhibitor TTT-3002 Overcomes Both Activating and Drug Resistance Mutations in FLT3 in Acute Myeloid Leukemia
Hayley S. Ma, Bao Nguyen, Amy S. Duffield, Li Li, Allison Galanis, Allen B. Williams, Patrick A. Brown, Mark J. Levis, Daniel J. Leahy, and Donald Small
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5218 TLR9 Is Critical for Glioma Stem Cell Maintenance and Targeting
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5229 ADAM9 Promotes Lung Cancer Metastases to Brain by a Plasminogen Activator-Based Pathway
Chen-Yuan Lin, Hung-Jen Chen, Cheng-Chung Huang, Liang-Chuan Lai, Tzu-Pin Lu, Guan-Chin Tseng, Ting-Ting Kuo, Qian-Yu Kuok, Jennifer L. Hsu, Shian-Ying Sung, Mien-Chie Hung, and Yuh-Pyng Sher
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Jessica Roos, Claudia Oancea, Maria Heinssmann, Dilawar Khan, Hannelore Held, Astrid S. Kahnt, Ricardó Capelo, Estel la Buscató, Ewgenij Proschak, Elena Puccetti, Dieter Steinhilber, Ingrid Fleming, Thorsten J. Maijer, and Martin Ruthardt
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Non-invasive in vivo imaging of gene-modified human hematopoietic stem cells and their progeny can be achieved using positron image tomography (PET), shown here as coronal and sagittal plane overlays on X-ray computed tomography scans. Imaging after systemically administered $^{18}$F-FHBG reveals accumulation of probe localized to areas of hematopoietic engraftment such as the humerus, tibia, femur, vertebrae, sternum, and thymus. Background probe uptakes in the gastrointestinal tract and gall bladder, present in non-humanized NSG and mock-transduced humanized mice have been artificially masked for clarity. For details, see article by Gschweng on page 5173.