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Margaret Foti and Youcef M. Rustum

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 Margaret Flowers, Stephanie Birkey Reffey, Shirley A. Mertz, and Marc Hurlbert, for the Metastatic Breast Cancer Alliance

MOLECULAR AND CELLULAR PATHOBIOLOGY

- 3391** Cyclin D1 Restrains Oncogene-Induced Autophagy by Regulating the AMPK–LKB1 Signaling Axis
Mathew C. Casimiro, Gabriele Di Sante, Agnese Di Rocco, Emanuele Loro, Claudia Pupo, Timothy G. Pestell, Sara Bisetto, Marco A. Velasco-Velázquez, Xuanmao Jiao, Zhiping Li, Christine M. Kusminski, Erin L. Seifert, Chenguang Wang, Daniel Ly, Bin Zheng, Che-Hung Shen, Philipp E. Scherer, and Richard G. Pestell
Précis: These findings suggest how AMPK activation by cyclin D1 may couple cell proliferation to energy homeostasis.

- 3406** VHL Inactivation in Precancerous Kidney Cells Induces an Inflammatory Response via ER Stress–Activated IRE1 α Signaling
Chan-Yen Kuo, Chih-Hung Lin, and Tien Hsu
Précis: A tumor suppressor gene mutation in normal epithelial cells can induce inflammatory response via ER stress signaling, thus providing a potential early cancer prevention strategy via modulation of metabolic stress.

TUMOR AND STEM CELL BIOLOGY


- 3417** Novel Androgen Receptor Coregulator GRHL2 Exerts Both Oncogenic and Antimetastatic Functions in Prostate Cancer
Steve Paltoglou, Rajdeep Das, Scott L. Townley, Theresa E. Hickey, Gerard A. Tarulli, Isabel Coutinho, Rayzel Fernandes, Adrienne R. Hanson, Iza Denis, Jason S. Carroll, Scott M. Dehm, Ganesh V. Raj, Stephen R. Plymate, Wayne D. Tilley, and Luke A. Selth
Précis: These results show how a grainyhead-like transcription factor enhances androgen receptor expression and activity, driving proliferation of prostate cancer cells, but it also acts differentially to limit their metastatic capacity.
- 3431** Liver Metastasis Is Facilitated by the Adherence of Circulating Tumor Cells to Vascular Fibronectin Deposits
 Jorge Barbazán, Lorena Alonso-Alconada, Nadia Elkhatib, Sara Geraldo, Vasily Gurchenkov, Alexandros Glentis, Guillaume van Niel, Roberta Palmulli, Beatriz Fernández, Patricia Viaño, Tomas García-Caballero, Rafael López-López, Miguel Abal, and Danijela Matic Vignjevic
Précis: Fibronectin accumulations at the luminal side of liver blood vessels act as an anchor for cancer cells, revealing an important new mechanism of extravasation with potential therapeutic implications to retard metastatic risk.
- 3442** Distinct Roles of HES1 in Normal Stem Cells and Tumor Stem-like Cells of the Intestine
Norihiro Goto, Taro Ueo, Akihisa Fukuda, Kenji Kawada, Yoshiharu Sakai, Hiroyuki Miyoshi, Makoto Mark Taketo, Tsutomu Chiba, and Hiroshi Seno
Précis: These results show how a stem cell transcription factor plays a different role in cancer stem-like cells, where its disruption leads to tumor regression without perturbing normal stem cell homeostasis, thereby validating it as a cancer therapeutic target.
- 3455** Androgen Receptor Supports an Anchorage-Independent, Cancer Stem Cell-like Population in Triple-Negative Breast Cancer
Valerie N. Barton, Jessica L. Christenson, Michael A. Gordon, Lisa I. Greene, Thomas J. Rogers, Kiel Butterfield, Beatrice Babbs, Nicole S. Spoelstra, Nicholas C. D'Amato, Anthony Elias, and Jennifer K. Richer
Précis: These mechanistic studies demonstrate that androgen receptor–targeting therapies may empower chemotherapy in triple-negative breast cancers by targeting drug-resistant cancer stem-like cells.

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3467 Mismatch Repair Proteins Initiate Epigenetic Alterations during Inflammation-Driven Tumorigenesis

Ashley R. Maiuri, Michael Peng, Ram Podicheti, Shruthi Sriramkumar, Caitlin M. Kamplain, Douglas B. Rusch, Christina E. DeStefano Shields, Cynthia L. Sears, and Heather M. O'Hagan

Précis: MSH2 is required for recruitment of epigenetic proteins to damaged chromatin and for DNA hypermethylation-mediated alterations in inflammation-induced tumors.

THERAPEUTICS, TARGETS, AND CHEMICAL BIOLOGY

3479 Targetable T-type Calcium Channels Drive Glioblastoma

Ying Zhang, Nichola Cruickshanks, Fang Yuan, Baomin Wang, Mary Pabuski, Julia Wulfkuhle, Isela Gallagher, Alexander F. Koepfel, Sarah Hatef, Christopher Papanicolas, Jeongwu Lee, Eli E. Bar, David Schiff, Stephen D. Turner, Emanuel F. Petricoin, Lloyd S. Gray, and Roger Abounader

Précis: This potentially seminal study provides a preclinical proof of concept for repurposing the FDA-approved drug mibefradil as a mechanism-based treatment for deadly glioblastomas.

3491 Monitoring Tumor Response to Antivascular Therapy Using Non-Contrast Intravoxel Incoherent Motion Diffusion-Weighted MRI

Changzheng Shi, Dexiang Liu, Zeyu Xiao, Dong Zhang, Guanfu Liu, Guanshu Liu, Hanwei Chen, and Liangping Luo

Précis: These findings highlight advantages of a novel noninvasive imaging technique that can be used to predict efficacy of antivascular therapies, without the need for contrast media.

3502 Engineering and Functional Characterization of Fusion Genes Identifies Novel Oncogenic Drivers of Cancer

Hengyu Lu, Nicole Villafane, Turgut Dogruluk, Caitlin L. Grzeskowiak, Kathleen Kong, Yiu Huen Tsang, Oksana Zagorodna, Angeliki Pantazi, Lixing Yang, Nicholas J. Neill, Young Won Kim, Chad J. Creighton, Roel G. Verhaak, Gordon B. Mills, Peter J. Park, Raju Kucherlapati, and Kenneth L. Scott

Précis: High-throughput construction of fusion genes often found in tumors facilitates more rapid functional tests to select optimal therapies directed against these genes.

3513 Inhibition of Mitochondrial Matrix Chaperones and Antiapoptotic Bcl-2 Family Proteins Empower Antitumor Therapeutic Responses

Georg Karpel-Massler, Chiaki Tsuge Ishida, Elena Bianchetti, Chang Shu, Rolando Perez-Lorenzo, Basil Horst, Matei Banu, Kevin A. Roth, Jeffrey N. Bruce, Peter Canoll, Dario C. Altieri, and Markus D. Siegelin

Précis: This study offers a preclinical proof of concept for the combination of BH3 mimetic drugs and mitochondrial chaperone inhibitors as an effective therapeutic strategy for better management of drug-resistant tumors.

3527 Targeting FBW7 as a Strategy to Overcome Resistance to Targeted Therapy in Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer



Mingxiang Ye, Yong Zhang, Xinxin Zhang, Jianbin Zhang, Pengyu Jing, Liang Cao, Nan Li, Xia Li, Libo Yao, Jian Zhang, and Jian Zhang

Précis: FBW7 downregulations stabilize the antiapoptotic BCL-2 family member MCL-1, unveiling a new mechanism of resistance to targeted therapeutics in the most common form of lung cancer.

3540 Immune-Related Gene Expression Profiling After PD-1 Blockade in Non-Small Cell Lung Carcinoma, Head and Neck Squamous Cell Carcinoma, and Melanoma

Alex Prat, Alejandro Navarro, Laia Paré, Noemí Reguart, Patricia Galván, Tomás Pascual, Alex Martínez, Paolo Nuciforo, Laura Comerma, Lluçia Alos, Nuria Pardo, Susana Cedrés, Cheng Fan, Joel S. Parker, Lydia Gaba, Iván Victoria, Nuria Viñolas, Ana Vivancos, Ana Arance, and Enriqueta Felip

Précis: These results argue that a pre-existing stable adaptive immune response is sufficient to predict a clinical outcome, regardless of the type of cancer or a PD-1 therapeutic antibody administered to patients.

3551 EGFR Mediates Responses to Small-Molecule Drugs Targeting Oncogenic Fusion Kinases



Aria Vaishnavi, Laura Schubert, Uwe Rix, Lindsay A. Marek, Anh T. Le, Stephen B. Keysar, Magdalena J. Glogowska, Matthew A. Smith, Severine Kako, Natalia J. Sumi, Kurtis D. Davies, Kathryn E. Ware, Marileila Varella-Garcia, Eric B. Haura, Antonio Jimeno, Lynn E. Heasley, Dara L. Aisner, and Robert C. Doebele

Précis: These findings show how previously unknown EGFR signaling mechanisms confer a critical survival mechanism to enable evasion from oncogene-specific inhibitors, providing a rationale to cotarget EGFR to reduce risks of developing drug resistance.

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- 3564** The National Cancer Institute ALMANAC: A Comprehensive Screening Resource for the Detection of Anticancer Drug Pairs with Enhanced Therapeutic Activity
Susan L. Holbeck, Richard Camalier, James A. Crowell, Jeevan Prasaad Govindharajulu, Melinda Hollingshead, Lawrence W. Anderson, Eric Polley, Larry Rubinstein, Apurva Srivastava, Deborah Wilsker, Jerry M. Collins, and James H. Doroshow
Précis: This study describes a validated web-based resource to identify promising combinations of approved drugs with anticancer activity for further mechanistic study and translation to clinical trials.


MICROENVIRONMENT AND IMMUNOLOGY

- 3577** Chimeric PD-1:28 Receptor Upgrades Low-Avidity T cells and Restores Effector Function of Tumor-Infiltrating Lymphocytes for Adoptive Cell Therapy
 Ramona Schlenker, Luis Felipe Olguín-Contreras, Matthias Leisegang, Julia Schnappinger, Anja Disovic, Svenja Rühland, Peter J. Nelson, Heinrich Leonhardt, Hartmann Harz, Susanne Wilde, Dolores J. Schendel, Wolfgang Uckert, Gerald Willimsky, and Elfriede Noessner
Précis: This study illustrates a method to empower adoptive T-cell therapies by engineering higher avidities that can improve effector function without sacrificing specificity.
- 3591** Epstein–Barr Virus-Induced VEGF and GM-CSF Drive Nasopharyngeal Carcinoma Metastasis via Recruitment and Activation of Macrophages
 Di Huang, Shi-Jian Song, Zi-Zhao Wu, Wei Wu, Xiu-Ying Cui, Jia-Ning Chen, Mu-Sheng Zeng, and Shi-Cheng Su
Précis: These findings define a feed-forward loop between virally infected nasopharyngeal cancer cells and macrophages and show how metastatic potential can evolve concurrently with virus-induced chronic inflammation.
- 3605** Tumor-Associated Macrophages Promote Malignant Progression of Breast Phyllodes Tumors by Inducing Myofibroblast Differentiation
Yan Nie, Jianing Chen, Di Huang, Yandan Yao, Jiewen Chen, Lin Ding, Jiayi Zeng, Shicheng Su, Xue Chao, Fengxi Su, Herui Yao, Hai Hu, and Erwei Song
Précis: In establishing how tumor-associated macrophages drive myofibroblast differentiation and malignant progression of a type of stromal breast tumor, this study uncovers a series of potential therapeutic targets for its treatment.

- 3619** STING Activation Reverses Lymphoma-Mediated Resistance to Antibody Immunotherapy
Lekh N. Dahal, Lang Dou, Khiyam Hussain, Rena Liu, Alexander Earley, Kerry L. Cox, Salome Murinello, Ian Tracy, Francesco Forconi, Andrew J. Steele, Patrick J. Duriez, Diego Gomez-Nicola, Jessica L. Teeling, Martin J. Glennie, Mark S. Cragg, and Stephen A. Beers
Précis: These findings suggest that STING agonists can empower monoclonal antibody therapies by reprogramming tumor-associated macrophages and curbing locoregional immunosuppression in the tumor microenvironment.
- 3632** Deletion of Lactate Dehydrogenase-A in Myeloid Cells Triggers Antitumor Immunity
Pankaj Seth, Eva Csizmadia, Andreas Hedblom, Marta Vuerich, Han Xie, Mailin Li, Maria Serena Longhi, and Barbara Wegiel
Précis: Lactate dehydrogenase-A in the tumor microenvironment is a key determinant of immune responses against cancer and as such may provide a therapeutic target to blunt locoregional immune escape in tumors.
- 3644** Sarcoma Eradication by Doxorubicin and Targeted TNF Relies upon CD8⁺ T-cell Recognition of a Retroviral Antigen
Philipp Probst, Janine Kopp, Annette Oxenius, Mario P. Colombo, Danilo Ritz, Tim Fugmann, and Dario Neri
Précis: These findings offer evidence that retroviral genes contribute to tumoral immune surveillance through a process that can be improved by treatment with a TNF derivative and the chemotherapeutic drug doxorubicin.
- 3655** CXCL1 Is Critical for Premetastatic Niche Formation and Metastasis in Colorectal Cancer
Dingzhi Wang, Haiyan Sun, Jie Wei, Bo Cen, and Raymond N. DuBois
Précis: These findings show how VEGFA induces production of the neutrophil chemoattractant CXCL1 in primary tumor macrophages, driving myeloid-derived suppressor cells to generate a premetastatic niche that enables later metastasis.
- 3666** Landscape of Combination Immunotherapy and Targeted Therapy to Improve Cancer Management
Leandro M. Colli, Mitchell J. Machiela, Han Zhang, Timothy A. Myers, Lea Jessop, Olivier Delattre, Kai Yu, and Stephen J. Chanock
Précis: A survey of genomic profiles from public databases indicate that 8.9% of solid tumor patients could benefit from combinations of immunotherapy and targeted therapy, an approach that might significantly impact overall patient survival.

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Sarita M. Fernandez-Poma, Diego Salas-Benito, Teresa Lozano, Noelia Casares, Jose-Ignacio Riezu-Boj, Uxua Mancheño, Edurne Elizalde, Diego Alignani, Natalia Zubeldia, Itziar Otano, Enrique Conde, Pablo Sarobe, Juan Jose Lasarte, and Sandra Hervas-Stubbs
Précis: The antitumor activity of adoptive T-cell therapy is limited by low rates of ex vivo expansion of the highly differentiated PD-1⁺ CD8 TIL population, which is responsible for the majority of tumor cell recognition in bulk CD8 TIL.

- 3685** Persistent Immune Stimulation Exacerbates Genetically Driven Myeloproliferative Disorders via Stromal Remodeling
 Claudio Tripodo, Alessia Burocchi, Pier Paolo Piccaluga, Claudia Chiodoni, Paola Portararo, Barbara Cappetti, Laura Botti, Alessandro Gulino, Alessandro Isidori, Arcangelo Liso, Giuseppe Visani, Maria Paola Martelli, Brunangelo Falini, Pier Paolo Pandolfi, Mario P. Colombo, and Sabina Sangaletti
Précis: Formation of neutrophil extracellular traps (NET) composed of DNA-protein complexes in the bone marrow tissue microenvironment stimulates the expansion of myeloid precursor cells, which support a certain class of human leukemias.

PREVENTION AND EPIDEMIOLOGY

- 3700** Beta-Blocker Drug Use and Survival among Patients with Pancreatic Adenocarcinoma
Ruzan Udumyan, Scott Montgomery, Fang Fang, Henrik Almroth, Unnur Valdimarsdottir, Anders Ekblom, Karin E. Smedby, and Katja Fall
Précis: These results suggest the repositioning of beta-blocker drugs, which are used widely to control hypertension and cardiac arrhythmias, to improve the survival of pancreatic cancer patients.

- 3708** Assessment of Breast Cancer Risk Factors Reveals Subtype Heterogeneity
Johanna Holm, Louise Eriksson, Alexander Ploner, Mikael Eriksson, Mattias Rantalainen, Jingmei Li, Per Hall, and Kamila Czene
Précis: Breast cancer risk factors differ by molecular subtype, supporting distinct etiologies and offering implications for prevention studies, which rely on modeling risk prediction.

RETRACTION

- 3718** Retraction: Molecular Mechanism of MART-1⁺/A*0201⁺ Human Melanoma Resistance to Specific CTL-Killing Despite Functional Tumor-CTL Interaction

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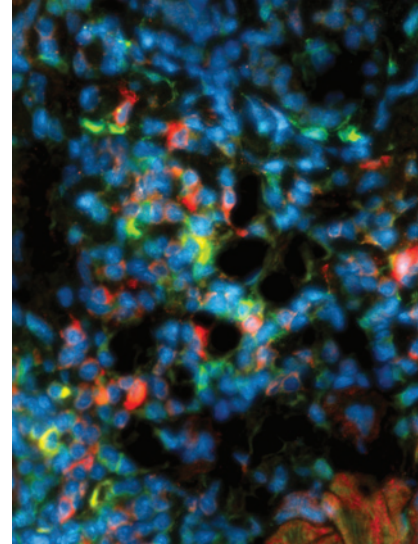
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Immunometabolism is emerging as a critical determinant of cancer pathophysiology. A balance between tumor promotion and elimination is dependent on the state of functional polarization of macrophage populations within the tumor microenvironment. Lactic acid generated by lactate dehydrogenase-A is a key metabolite that facilitates the immunosuppressive tumor microenvironment. Deletion of lactate dehydrogenase-A in myeloid cells restores the immunocompetent tumor microenvironment by reversing macrophage phenotype and antitumor immunity. Immunofluorescence staining revealed an increased number of infiltrating inducible nitric oxide synthase-positive (red) and M1-skewed F4.80-positive (green) macrophages in K-Ras tumors after deletion of lactate dehydrogenase-A. For details, see article by Seth and colleagues on page 3632.



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