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5721 Highlights from Recent Cancer Literature

GENOME AND EPIGENOME

5741 A Polysome-Based microRNA Screen Identifies miR-24-3p as a Novel Promigratory miRNA in Mesothelioma
Stefania Oliveto, Roberta Aliieri, Annarita Miluzio, Alessandra Scagliola, Raissa S. Secli, Pietruigi Casparini, Stefano Grosso, Luciano Cascione, Luciano Mutti, and Stefano Biffi

Significance: Subcellular localization of miRNAs may predict their role in cancer and identify novel oncogenic miRNAs involved in cancer progression.

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5723 Promoting Scientist–Advocate Collaborations in Cancer Research: Why and How

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5729 Choosing the Best Chemotherapy Agent to Boost Immune Checkpoint Inhibition Activity
Marina Chiara Garassino, Valter Torri, Mario Paolo Colombo, and Antonio Sica

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5727 Epigenetic Reprogramming with Antisense Oligonucleotides Enhances the Effectiveness of Androgen Receptor Inhibition in Castration-Resistant Prostate Cancer
Lanbo Xiao, Jean C. Tien, Josh Vo, Mengyao Tan, Abhijit Parolia, Yajia Zhang, Lisa Wang, Yuanjuan Qiao, Sudhanshu Shukla, Xiaoju Wang, Heng Zheng, Fengyun Su, Xiaoju Jing, Esther Luo, Andrew Delekta, Kristin M. Juckette, Alice Xu, Xuhong Cao, Ajjai S. Alva, Youngsoo Kim, A. Robert MacLeod, and Arul M. Chinnaiyan

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5737 MYBL2 Supports DNA Double Strand Break Repair in Hematopoietic Stem Cells
Rachel Bayley, Daniel Blakemore, Laila Cancian, Stephanie Dumon, Giacomo Volpe, Carl Ward, Ruba Almaghrabi, Jignasya Gujar, Natasha Reeve, Manoj Raghavan, Martin R. Higgs, Grant S. Stewart, Eva Petermann, and Paloma Garcia

Significance: These findings suggest MYBL2 levels may be used as a biological biomarker to determine the DNA repair capacity of hematopoietic stem cells from patients with MDS and as a clinical biomarker to inform decisions regarding patient selection for treatments that target DNA repair.

5743 Cancer-Associated MORC2-Mutant M276I Regulates an hnRNP-Mediated CD44 Splicing Switch to Promote Invasion and Metastasis in Triple-Negative Breast Cancer
Fang-Lin Zhang, Jin-Ling Cao, Hong-Yan Xie, Rui Sun, Li-Feng Yang, Zhi-Ming Shao, and Da-Qiang Li

Significance: A gain-of-function effect of a single mutation on MORC2 promotes metastasis of triple-negative breast cancer by regulating CD44 splicing.
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**5793** Targeting STAT5 or STAT5-Regulated Pathways Suppresses Leukemogenesis of Ph⁺ Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia
Valentina Minieri, Marco De Dominici, Patrizia Porazzi, Samantha A. Mariani, Orietta Spinelli, Alessandro Rambaldi, Luke F. Peterson, Pierluigi Porcu, Marja T. Nevalainen, and Bruno Calabretta

**Significance:** Suppression of STAT5 by BCL2 and PIM kinase inhibitors reduces leukemia burden in mice and constitutes a new potential therapeutic approach against Ph⁺ ALL, especially in tyrosine kinase inhibitor-resistant disease.

**5808** Amplification of Glyceronephosphate O-Acyltransferase and Recruitment of USP30 Stabilize DRP1 to Promote Hepatocarcinogenesis
Li Gu, Yahui Zhu, Xi Lin, Yajun Li, Kaisa Cui, Edward V. Prochownik, and Youjun Li

**Significance:** This study identifies and establishes the role of the enzyme GNPAT in liver cancer progression, which may serve as a potential therapeutic target for liver cancer.

**5820** Transcription Factor PROX1 Suppresses Notch Pathway Activation via the Nucleosome Remodeling and Deacetylase Complex in Colorectal Cancer Stem–like Cells
Jenny Högström, Sarika Heino, Pauliina Kallio, Marianne Lähde, Veli-Matti Leppänen, Diego Balboa, Zoltán Wiener, and Kari Alitalo

**Significance:** These findings address the role of the PROX1 homeobox factor as a downstream effector of Wnt/b-catenin signaling in colorectal cancer stem cells and show that PROX1 inhibits the Notch pathway and helps to enforce the stem cell phenotype and inhibit differentiation.

**5833** A Mutant p53-Dependent Embryonic Stem Cell Gene Signature Is Associated with Augmented Tumorigenesis of Stem Cells
Gabriela Koifman, Yoav Shetzer, Shay Eizenberger, Hilla Solomon, Ron Rotkopf, Alina Molchadsky, Giuseppe Lonetto, Naomi Goldfinger, and Varda Rotter

**Significance:** Mesenchymal cancer stem cell-like cell lines express a mutant p53-dependent embryonic stem cell gene signature, which can serve as a potential prognostic biomarker and therapeutic target in cancer.

**5848** CSTF2-Induced Shortening of the RAC1 3’UTR Promotes the Pathogenesis of Urothelial Carcinoma of the Bladder
Xin Chen, Jia-Xing Zhang, Jun-Hang Luo, Song Wu, Gang-Jun Yuan, Ning-Fang Ma, Yong Feng, Mu-Yan Cai, Bi-Xin Chen, Jun Lu, Li-Juan Jiang, Jie-Wei Chen, Xiao-Han Jin, Hai-Liang Liu, Wei Chen, Xin-Yuan Guan, Tie-Bang Kang, Fang-Jian Zhou, and Dan Xie

**Significance:** These findings demonstrate that the short isoform of RAC1 is critical in UCB tumorigenesis and may have implications for developing new therapeutic strategies to treat this disease.

**5863** PTTG and PBF Functionally Interact with p53 and Predict Overall Survival in Head and Neck Cancer
Martin L. Read, Bhavika Modasia, Alice Fletcher, Rebecca J. Thompson, Katie Brookes, Peter C. Rae, Hannah R. Nieto, Vikki L. Poole, Sally Roberts, Moray J. Campbell, Kristien Boelaert, Andrew S. Turnell, Vicki E. Smith, Hisham Mezehna, and Christopher J. McCabe

**Significance:** These findings reveal a complex and novel interrelationship between the expression and function of PTTG, PBF, and p53 in human HNSCC that significantly influences patient outcome.

**5877** EGR1-Mediated Transcription of IncRNA-HNF1A-AS1 Promotes Cell-Cycle Progression in Gastric Cancer
Hai-Ting Liu, Sen Liu, Lei Liu, Ran-Ran Ma, and Peng Gao

**Significance:** This study provides novel insights into mechanisms by which the noncoding RNA HNF1A-AS1 contributes to gastric cancer progression through modulation of the cell cycle.

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5940  VEGFC Antibody Therapy Drives Differentiation of AML
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5949  A Novel Microtubule Inhibitor Overcomes Multidrug Resistance in Tumors
Nannan Ning, Yamei Yu, Min Wu, Ruihong Zhang, Ting Zhang, Changjun Zhu, Lei Huang, Cai-Hong Yun, Cyril H. Benes, Jianming Zhang, Xianming Deng, Qiang Chen, and Ruibao Ren
Significance: Paclitaxel is a widely used chemotherapeutic drug in patients with multiple types of cancer. However, resistance to paclitaxel is a challenge. This study describes a novel class of microtubule inhibitors with the ability to circumvent multidrug resistance across multiple tumor cell lines.

5950  Oxygen-Enhanced and Dynamic Contrast-Enhanced Optoacoustic Tomography Provides Surrogate Biomarkers of Tumor Vascular Function, Hypoxia, and Necrosis
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5951  In Vivo Estimation of Oncolytic Virus Populations within Tumors
Mi-Yeon Jung, Chetan P. Offord, Matthew K. Ennis, Iris Kemler, Claudia Neuhauer, and David Dingli
Significance: These findings address a fundamental gap in our knowledge of oncolytic virotherapy by presenting technology that gives insight into the behavior of oncolytic viruses in vivo.

5952  Clinical Proteomics of Breast Cancer Reveals a Novel Layer of Breast Cancer Classification
Gali Yanovich, Hadar Agmon, Michał Harel, Amir Sonnenblick, Tamar Peretz, and Tamar Geiger
Significance: These findings utilize extensive proteomics to identify a novel luminal breast cancer subtype, highlighting the added value of clinical proteomics in breast cancer to identify unique features not observable by genomic approaches.
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6011 Pooled Analysis of Nine Cohorts Reveals Breast Cancer Risk Factors by Tumor Molecular Subtype

Significance: These findings comprise the largest study of prospective data to date and contribute to the accumulating evidence that etiological heterogeneity exists in breast carcinogenesis.

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6022 Innervation of the Tumor Microenvironment—Letter
Mark R. Goldstein and Luca Mascitelli

CORRECTIONS

6023 Correction: MicroRNA-22 Suppresses DNA Repair and Promotes Genomic Instability through Targeting of MDC1

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The cover art is based on a microscopic May-Grunwald-Giemsa staining of untreated control primary human CD34+ AML blasts that were spotted on a glass slide and formed a heart-shaped structure. The image was taken with a Leica DM 3000 or Leica DM II microscope with a Leica DFC420C camera (Leica Geosystems B.V.). This picture has been artistically modified in Photoshop to create an embracing colorful projection of the AML blasts. For details, see article by Kampen and colleagues on page 5940.