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Précis: Crosstalk between tumor-infiltrating macrophages and tumor-initiating cells is a pivotal determinant of immunosuppression in pancreatic tumors, limiting the efficacy of chemotherapy, with implications on how to improve treatment in this setting.

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Précis: This study reveals how an actin membrane-connecting protein acts as an oncogene to drive the function of an important stem cell molecule in glioblastoma, the most aggressive form of brain cancer, with implications for more effective therapy of this disease.

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Précis: Tumor cell growth is restricted to anchored states of the cell unless there is a loss of function in the cell surface protein Trask, which exerts a tumor-suppressing function that blocks anchorage-independent cell growth.

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Tony Gutschner, Monika Hämmerle, Moritz Eifßmann, Jeff Hsu, Youngsoo Kim, Gene Hung, Alexey Revenko, Gayatri Arun, Marion Stentrup, Matthias Groß, Martin Zörnig, A. Robert MacLeod, David L. Spector, and Sven Diederichs

Précis: Findings identify a long noncoding RNA with fundamental importance in lung cancer metastasis and potential therapeutic application in metastasis prevention.

THERAPEUTICS, TARGETS, AND CHEMICAL BIOLOGY

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Trastuzumab-Resistant Cells Rely on a HER2-PI3K-FoxO-Survivin Axis and Are Sensitive to PI3K Inhibitors

Anindita Chakrabarty, Neil E. Bhola, Cammie Sutton, Ritwik Ghosh, María Gabriela Kuba, Bhuvanesh Dave, Jenny C. Chang, and Carlos L. Arteaga

Précis: This study reveals how PI3K inhibitors can reverse resistance to Herceptin in breast cancer cells, an important clinical challenge.

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CCR2 Deficiency Prevents Neuronal Dysfunction and Cognitive Impairments Induced by Cranial Irradiation

Karim Belarbi, Timothy Jopson, Carla Arellano, John R. Fike, and Susanna Rosi

Précis: Radiation-induced cognitive impairments in patients may be ameliorated by targeting CCR2 signaling, a rather surprising result, suggesting that strategies to limit proinflammatory myeloid cell responses may reduce this important side effect of cranial radiotherapy for brain tumors or metastases.

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Dysregulation of Cholesterol Homeostasis in Human Prostate Cancer through Loss of *ABCA1*

Byron H. Lee, Margaret G. Taylor, Peggy Robinet, Jonathan D. Smith, Jessica Schweitzer, Ephraim Sehayek, Sara M. Falzarano, Cristina Magi-Galluzzi, Eric A. Klein, and Angela H. Ting

Précis: A key cholesterol efflux transporter is hypermethylated in late stage prostate cancer, leading to higher levels of intracellular cholesterol and potentiation of tumor progression.

TUMOR AND STEM CELL BIOLOGY

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MYC Regulation of CHK1 and CHK2 Promotes Radioresistance in a Stem Cell-like Population of Nasopharyngeal Carcinoma Cells

Wen-Jun Wang, Si-Pei Wu, Jia-Bin Liu, Yong-Sheng Shi, Xue Huang, Qian-Bing Zhang, and Kai-Tai Yao

Précis: Targeting an important DNA-damage-checkpoint signaling axis with an important role in stem cells may offer an especially robust therapeutic strategy to reverse stem cell radioresistance.

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Pei-Chun Lin, Ya-Lin Chiu, Samprit Banerjee, Kyung Park, Juan Miguel Mosquera, Eugenia Giannopoulou, Pedro Alves, Ashutosh K. Tewari, Mark B. Gerstein, Himisha Beltran, Ari M. Melnick, Olivier Elemento, Francesca Demichelis, and Mark A. Rubin

Précis: This study identifies a novel biomarker for prostate cancer progression and introduces a new mechanistic concept associate with AR regulation of cell cycle progression.

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Tumor Suppressor Function of the Plasma Glutathione Peroxidase *Gpx3* in Colitis-Associated Carcinoma

Caitlyn W. Barrett, Wei Ning, Xi Chen, Jesse Joshua Smith, Mary K. Washington, Kristina E. Hill, Lori A. Coburn, Richard M. Peek, Rupesh Chaturvedi, Keith T. Wilson, Raymond F. Burk, and Christopher S. Williams

Précis: Results suggest an immunomodulatory role for an extracellular glutathione peroxidase that acts to limit the development of colitis-associated colon carcinoma.

ABOUT THE COVER

Galectin-1, a carbohydrate-binding protein, abundantly expressed at sites of tumor growth and metastasis, promotes tumor progression by influencing diverse cancer-related events including tumor cell migration, angiogenesis, and tumor-immune escape. Dalotto-Moreno and colleagues show that galectin-1 contributes to immunosuppression during progression of breast cancer. Human breast cancer biopsies expressed substantial amounts of galectin-1, which positively correlated with tumor grade. Silencing Gal1 expression in the 4T1 breast tumor model reduced tumor growth and lung metastases. This effect was accompanied by a diminished frequency and suppressive activity of $CD4^+CD25^+ Foxp3^+$ regulatory T cells in both the tumor and metastatic lungs. For details, see article by Dalotto-Moreno and colleagues on page 1107.

