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Limited Environmental Serine and Glycine Confer Brain Metastasis Sensitivity to PHGDH Inhibition

Précis: The serine-synthesis enzyme PHGDH was necessary and sufficient for metastasis to the brain, where amino acid availability is limited, and PHGDH inhibition suppressed brain metastasis.

Chromatin Regulator CHD1 Remodels the Immunosuppressive Tumor Microenvironment in PTEN-Deficient Prostate Cancer

Précis: The tumor suppressor CHD1 increased IL6 expression to recruit myeloid-derived suppressor cells to Pten-null prostate tumors, and CHD1 depletion or IL6 inhibition enhanced the efficacy of immune checkpoint blockade.

Posttranslational Regulation of the Exon Skipping Machinery Controls Aberrant Splicing in Leukemia

Précis: Increased exon skipping, particularly affecting proteasome-related transcripts, was mediated by elevated serine/arginine-rich splicing factor 6 (SRSF6) levels in T-cell acute lymphoblastic leukemia.

RBMS1 Suppresses Colon Cancer Metastasis through Targeted Stabilization of Its mRNA Regulon

Précis: A new analytic method identified RBMS1, which acted as a posttranscriptional regulator that bound and stabilized the 3′ untranslated region of target mRNAs, as a suppressor of metastasis in colorectal cancer.

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Although PD-1 blockade has become a mainstay treatment for melanoma, it is not always effective. In a patient with metastatic melanoma in which all tumors but one responded to PD-1 blockade, Gstalder and colleagues found that the tumor-suppressor gene FBXW7 had a loss-of-function mutation. In immunocompetent mice, Fbxw7 deficiency in melanomas disrupted double-stranded RNA (dsRNA)-sensing pathways, leading to alterations in the tumor immune microenvironment that included a decrease in the CD8\(^+\) T-cell infiltration that PD-1 blockade normally induces. Restoration of dsRNA sensing in these melanomas conferred sensitivity to anti-PD-1. This work suggests that reactivation of dsRNA-sensing pathways in patients with FBXW7-mutant melanoma may be therapeutically relevant. For more information, see the article by Gstalder and colleagues on page 1296.