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Activity and Safety of Mobocertinib (TAK-788) in Previously Treated Non–Small Cell Lung Cancer with EGFR Exon 20 Insertion Mutations from a Phase I/II Trial .......................... 1688

Précis: In a phase I/II clinical trial, mobocertinib—which selectively inhibits EGFR with oncogenic exon 20 insertions—produced objective responses in 43% of previously treated patients with non–small cell lung cancer harboring these mutations.

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A Burned-Out CD8+ T-cell Subset Expands in the Tumor Microenvironment and Curbs Cancer Immunotherapy .......................... 1700

Précis: A tumor-infiltrating CD8+ T-cell subset (dubbed burned-out T cells) was identified; these T cells exhibited features overlapping with those of exhausted T cells but were differentiated by their proliferative and apoptotic nature.

Exploiting Allosteric Properties of RAF and MEK Inhibitors to Target Therapy-Resistant Tumors Driven by Oncogenic BRAF Signaling .......................... 1716

Précis: In silico experiments and biochemical assays were used to develop an inhibitor of dimeric RAF for use in conjunction with a BRAFV600E inhibitor and a MEK inhibitor; this combination exhibited safety and tolerability in vivo.

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Genetic Determinants of EGFR-Driven Lung Cancer Growth and Therapeutic Response In Vivo .......................... 1736

Précis: Some inactivating mutations in genes known to act as tumor suppressors in Kras-driven mouse lung adenocarcinoma models had the opposite effect in Egfr-driven lung cancer models, instead restricting tumor growth.

A Functional Taxonomy of Tumor Suppression in Oncogenic KRAS–Driven Lung Cancer .................. 1754

Précis: An innovative in vivo screening technique revealed that inactivation of various tumor suppressor genes had dramatically different effects on cancer development and progression in oncogenic Kras–driven mouse models of lung cancer.

PTHrP Drives Pancreatic Cancer Growth and Metastasis and Reveals a New Therapeutic Vulnerability .................. 1774

Précis: PTHLH (encoding PTHrP) was amplified in patient metastatic pancreatic cancer tumors, and loss of Pthlh or treatment with neutralizing antibodies to PTHrP reduced primary tumor growth, diminished metastasis, and increased survival time in vivo.

Bacterial-Driven Inflammation and Mutant BRAF Expression Combine to Promote Murine Colon Tumorigenesis That Is Sensitive to Immune Checkpoint Therapy .......................... 1792

Précis: In a mouse model of colorectal cancer driven by enterotoxigenic bacteria, expression of oncogenic human BRAFV600E-mutant tumors and were sensitive to anti–PD-L1 treatment.
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Précis: Under the glutamine-limiting conditions common in pancreatic ductal adenocarcinomas, cancer-associated fibroblasts activated macropinocytosis to engulf extracellular materials, enabling them to survive as well as secrete glutamine for use by tumor cells.

Loss of Optineurin Drives Cancer Immune Evasion via Palmitoylation-Dependent IFNGR1 Lysosomal Sorting and Degradation .................................. 1826

Précis: In colorectal cancer, loss of optineurin led to increased lysosomal degradation of IFNγ receptor 1 (IFNGR1), providing an explanation for the immunotherapy resistance; pharmacologic inhibition of a step in IFNGR1 lysosomal trafficking overcame this effect.

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ON THE COVER

Together with the rest of the cancer research community, Cancer Discovery mourns the untimely death of José Baselga, founding co–Editor-in-Chief of the journal and a luminary in clinical and translational oncology. The Editors-in-Chief have chosen to honor him on this month’s journal cover (portrait by Nicolle Fuller of SayoStudio). Read the obituary by Scientific Editors Josep Tabernero, David M. Hyman, and Jean-Charles Soria on page 1614.