A Genome-Wide Scan Identifies Variants in NFIB Associated with Metastasis in Patients with Osteosarcoma


Précis: The risk variant rs7034162 in NFIB contributes to osteosarcoma metastasis susceptibility.

Real-Time Imaging Reveals Local, Transient Vascular Permeability, and Tumor Cell Intravasation Stimulated by TIE2hi Macrophage–Derived VEGFA


Précis: Hyperpermeability of tumor vasculature is dynamic and restricted to the Tumor MicroEnvironment of Metastasis (TMEM).

Targeting a Novel ER/HOXB7 Signaling Loop in Tamoxifen-Resistant Breast Cancer


A novel ERα cofactor in the Activation of HER2 and Multiple ER Target Genes Leading to Endocrine Resistance


Précis: HOXB7 is upregulated by MYC-mediated suppression of miR-196a and enhances expression of ER target genes in tamoxifen-resistant breast cancer cells.

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Combined EGFR/MEK Inhibition Prevents the Emergence of Resistance in EGFR-Mutant Lung Cancer ........................................ 960
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Précis: Upregulation of MYC in multiple myeloma cells drives DNA damage via replicative stress and ROS induction, and confers sensitivity to ATR inhibitors and small-molecule inducers of ROS.

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Tricker, Xu, and colleagues found that combined treatment with the mutant EGFR-selective inhibitor WZ4002 and the MEK inhibitor trametinib delayed the development of acquired resistance in EGFR inhibitor-naïve and EGFR<sup>T790M</sup>-positive lung cancer cells. WZ4002/trametinib treatment prevented ERK1/2 reactivation and increased apoptosis. Combination treatment was also significantly more effective than WZ4002 alone in suppressing tumor regrowth in xenograft models and a genetically engineered mouse model of EGFR<sup>T790M</sup>-mutant lung cancer. Although EGFR and ERK inhibition were maintained in the majority of WZ4002/trametinib-resistant tumor nodules, both AKT and S6 were frequently reactivated, and the addition of an mTOR inhibitor restored WZ4002/trametinib sensitivity in vitro and in vivo. These results highlight the potential clinical utility of initial cotargeting of EGFR and MEK to prevent the emergence of acquired resistance in EGFR-mutant lung cancer. For details, please see the article by Tricker, Xu, and colleagues on page 960.