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CANCER IMMUNOLOGY AT THE CROSSROADS: EXPERIMENTAL IMMUNOTHERAPIES

Reducing Toxicity of Immune Therapy Using Aptamer-Targeted Drug Delivery
Eli Gilboa, Alexey Berezhnoy, and Brett Schrand

CANCER IMMUNOLOGY MINIATURES

Intrathecal Administration of Tumor-Infiltrating Lymphocytes Is Well Tolerated in a Patient with Leptomeningeal Disease from Metastatic Melanoma: A Case Report
Isabella C. Glitza, Cara Haymaker, Chantale Bernatchez, Luis Vence, Michelle Rohils, Jessie Richard, Carol Lacey, Rahmatu Mansaray, Orenthial J. Fulbright, Renjith Ramachandran, Christopher Toth, Seth Wardell, Sapna P. Patel, Scott E. Woodman, Wen-Jen Hwu, Laszlo G. Radvanyi, Michael A. Davies, Nicholas E. Papadopoulos, and Patrick Hwu

One treatment for metastatic melanoma is systemic IL2 with infusion of tumor-infiltrating lymphocytes (TILs). Intrathecal TIL administration, along with intrathecal IL2, briefly stabilized disease in this case, suggesting that such an approach might benefit a select patient population.

RESEARCH ARTICLES

Loss of Host Type-I IFN Signaling Accelerates Metastasis and Impairs NK-cell Antitumor Function in Multiple Models of Breast Cancer
Jai Rautela, Nikola Baschuk, Clare Y. Slaney, Luis Vence, Michelle Rohils, Jessie Richard, Carol Lacey, Rahmatu Mansaray, Orenthial J. Fulbright, Renjith Ramachandran, Christopher Toth, Seth Wardell, Sapna P. Patel, Scott E. Woodman, Wen-Jen Hwu, Laszlo G. Radvanyi, Michael A. Davies, Nicholas E. Papadopoulos, and Patrick Hwu

Type-I interferon immune signaling plays a critical role during the antitumor immune response. The authors show that loss of this pathway can promote bone metastasis in three different breast cancer models, revealing its importance across different models.

Neutrophils Increase Oral Squamous Cell Carcinoma Invasion through an Invadopodia-Dependent Pathway
Judah E. Glogauer, Chun X. Sun, Grace Bradley, and Marco A.O. Magalhaes

The presence of neutrophils in oral squamous cell carcinoma correlates with poor prognosis. The TNFα and IL8 secreted by neutrophils were found to increase the invasiveness of cancer cells through invadopodia formation and matrix degradation.

IL10R2 OverexpressionPromotes IL22/STAT3 Signaling in ColorectalCarcinogenesis
Vineeta Khare, Gregor Paul, Oliver Movadat, Adrian Frick, Manuela Jambrich, Anita Kmnic, Brigitte Marian, Friedrich Wrb, and Christoph Gasche

Colon cancers exhibit an increased IL22:IL10 ratio. The two cytokines share one receptor subunit, but their second receptor subunits are distinct. Colorectal cancer shows overexpression of both receptor subunits for IL22, which triggers STAT3 signaling and promotes carcinogenesis.

Inhibition of Fatty Acid Oxidation ModulatesImmunosuppressive Functions ofMyeloid-Derived Suppressor Cells andEnhances Cancer Therapies

Myeloid-derived suppressor cells in tumors, but not in the spleen, activated fatty acid uptake and oxidation (FAO) and increased their immunosuppressive pathways. Blocking FAO with inhibitors induced T-cell-mediated antitumor activity, which provides a novel approach for treatment.

Phase I Trial of a Yeast-Based Therapeutic Cancer Vaccine (GI-6301) Targeting theTranscription Factor Brachyury
Christopher R. Heery, B. Harpreet Singh, Myrna Rauckhorst, Jennifer L. Marte, Renee N. Donahue, Italia Grenga, Timothy C. Rodell, William Dahut, Philip M. Arel, Ravi A. Madan, Jeffrey Schlom, and James L. Gulley

Carcinomas can overexpress brachyury, a transcription factor not expressed in most adult tissues. A therapeutic yeast vaccine targeting brachyury was tested in phase I clinical trials. It induced T-cell responses with no autoimmunity and showed preliminary clinical activity.
1257 CTLA-4 Blockade Synergizes Therapeutically with PARP Inhibition in BRCA1-Deficient Ovarian Cancer
Tomoe Higuchi, Dallas B. Flies, Nicole A. Marjon, Gina Mantia-Smaldone, Lukas Ronner, Phyllis A. Gimotty, and Sarah F. Adams
PARP inhibitors improve progression-free survival in BRCA1-deficient ovarian cancer. In a mouse model, checkpoint blockade with anti-CTLA-4, but not anti-PD-1, synergized with PARP inhibition to establish protective immune memory and achieve long-term survival.

1269 Extracellular Vesicles Present in Human Ovarian Tumor Microenvironments Induce a Phosphatidylserine-Dependent Arrest in the T-cell Signaling Cascade
Ovarian tumor ascites fluid contains an immunosuppressive element identified as phosphatidylserine from nanovesicle membranes, originating from the tumor milieu. Suppression was disrupted by addition of diacylglycerol kinase inhibitors, suggesting that blocking these vesicles may enhance patient antitumor activity.

1279 Rational Combination of Immunotherapies with Clinical Efficacy in Mice with Advanced Cancer
Ali Bransi, Oscar Camilo Salgado, Michal Beffinger, Karim Milo, Karina Silina, Hideo Yagita, Burkhard Becher, Alexander Kowuth, and Maries van den Broek
An efficacious combination of immunomodulatory treatments was identified in a late-stage prostate cancer model that prevented tolerance, promoted a sustained tumor-specific CD8+ T cells response, and cured tumors when given with adoptively transferred tumor-specific T cells.

CORRECTION
1289 Correction: Therapeutic Peptide Vaccine-Induced CD8 T Cells Strongly Modulate Intratumoral Macrophages Required for Tumor Regression

ABOUT THE COVER
In their article in the current issue, Khare and colleagues report that the receptor subunit shared by IL10 and IL22 is a key factor in the development of colorectal cancer. This “satellite image”-like rendition of the colon is based on a panel from their Fig. 4. Read more about the complex interplay between the shared and unique receptor subunits that generate the signals necessary for tumorigenesis in this research article on pages 1227–1235 in this issue of Cancer Immunology Research. Original micrograph from Gregor Paul, artwork by Lewis Long.