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Précis: Longitudinal gut microbiome and immune analysis from randomized microbiome modulation in melanoma patients treated with nivolumab reveal novel insights about the impact of antibiotic preconditioning on immunity.

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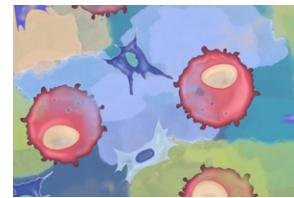
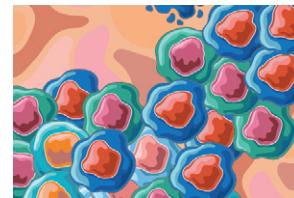
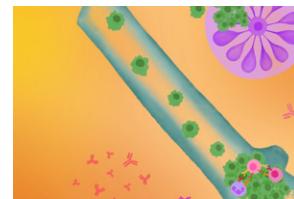
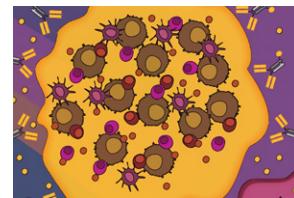
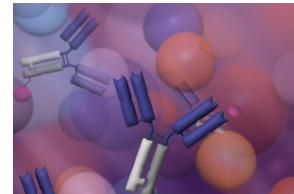
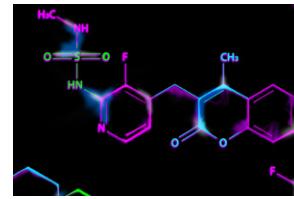
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Précis: NST-628 is a potent and CNS penetrant pan-RAF-MEK molecular glue with broad efficacy in RAS- and RAF-driven models.





IL2 Targeted to CD8⁺ T Cells Promotes Robust Effector T-cell Responses and Potent Antitumor Immunity.....1206

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Précis: *Cis*-targeting of IL2 to CD8⁺ T cells shows improved anti-tumor activity and reduced toxicity compared to broadly acting IL2, supporting the evaluation of such a strategy in patients.

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CD8-Targeted IL2 Unleashes Tumor-Specific Immunity in Human Cancer Tissue by Reviving the Dysfunctional T-cell Pool.....1226

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Précis: CD8-IL2, an IL2 variant designed to selectively target CD8⁺ T cells, induced reinvigoration and cytotoxicity of dysfunctional T cells in human cancer tissues, exhibiting superior efficacy compared to PD-1 blockade.

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Précis: Transcriptome profiling and functional assays demonstrated that MDSCs in bone metastasis impede CTL function via the TIGIT-CD155 axis and identified IL-1 β as a central driver of immunosuppression, establishing these signaling nodes as therapeutic targets for immunotherapy of bone metastasis.

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Précis: Overactivation of oncogenic signaling, combined with perturbation of the resulting stress responses, is an efficient strategy to kill cancer cells and selects for drug resistance characterized by suppression of oncogenic capacity.

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Précis: Cellular senescence arises in a specific subset of breast cancer myofibroblastic CAFs that modulate the ECM to potently limit NK cell function and thus could be an important therapeutic target to limit breast cancer progression.

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Précis: Senescent myofibroblasts develop in the fibrotic environment of pancreatic cancer and in turn drive ECM density, promote immunosuppressive macrophage phenotypes, and limit anti-tumor T cell immunity.

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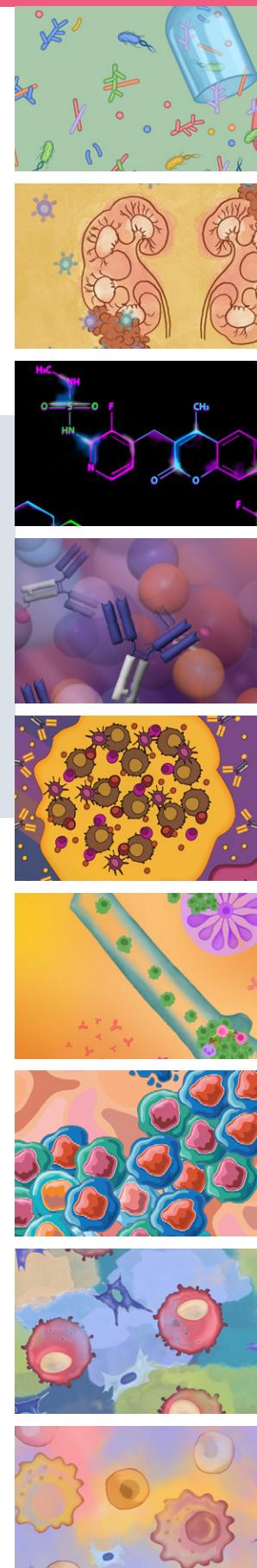
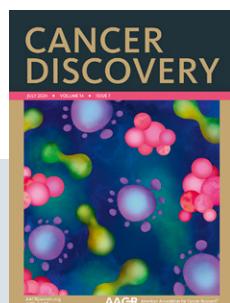
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ON THE COVER The majority of antitumor therapeutic strategies inhibit aberrant oncogenic pathways. As an alternative approach, Dias and colleagues assessed the efficacy of paradoxical hyperactivation of oncogenic signaling in disrupting cancer homeostasis and suppressing tumor growth. Inhibition of protein phosphatase 2A (PP2A) led to overactivation of several oncogenic signaling pathways and subsequent induction of stress responses in colon cancer cells. Combined inhibition of PP2A and WEE1 synergistically suppressed tumor growth in multiple models as well as patient-derived tumors. Notably, resistance to this therapeutic combination was tumor suppressive, resulting in loss of oncogenic signaling and inhibition of tumor growth *in vivo*. These findings support further clinical evaluation of deliberate hyperactivation of oncogenic signaling as a potential anticancer therapeutic strategy. For more information, see the article by Dias and colleagues on page 1276. Artwork by Bianca Dunn.

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