

PUBLICATIONS

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Publication metrics

- Has published 31 papers in peer-reviewed international journals, of which:
 - 22 original research articles (total)
 - 6 original research articles (as first author, unique or shared)
 - 3 original research articles (as senior and/or corresponding author, unique or shared)
 - 9 reviews
- Average Journal Impact Factor (JIF) for papers as first/corresponding/senior author: 24.4.
- Total citations in *Google Scholar*: 2692; *ISI (Web of Science)*: 1927; in *Scopus*: 2010.
- *Google Scholar h index*: 22; *ISI h index*: 18; *Scopus h index*: 17.

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Original research articles

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Key findings: In prostate cancers, we have identified a persistent sub-population of neutrophils with peculiar pro-tumorigenic features. So far, neutrophils have been considered to have a short half-life. However, we found that cancer cells can favour and prolong the vitality of tumour-infiltrating neutrophils. Mechanistically, we have found that an

apolipoprotein secreted by prostate cancer cells promote the survival of tumor-infiltrating neutrophils that acquire features of senescent cells (defined as senescent-like neutrophils). Senescent-like neutrophils can survive for months in vivo and acquire higher pathogenic potential compared to short-life neutrophils. Intriguingly, as found for murine prostate tumours, also fresh human biopsies collected from prostate tumours were infiltrated by senescent-like neutrophils. Moreover, treatment with Romidepsin (HDAC I inhibitor) selectively kills senescent-like neutrophils in vitro and in vivo, inducing tumour delay in vivo in different mouse models developing hormone-sensitive prostate cancers and CRPC

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Commensal bacteria promote endocrine resistance in prostate cancer through androgen biosynthesis.
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Key findings: we have identified an unexpected role played by the gut microbiota in CRPC patients. We have found compositional differences in the gut microbiota in prostate cancer patients responding or not to androgen deprivation therapy, and we have identified the microbial signature of CRPC patients. To address the impact of the intestinal microbiota on CRPC progression, we used two mouse models: the TRAMP-C1 allograft and the Ptenpc-/- prostate conditional mouse models. We observed that the elimination of the intestinal microbiota by antibiotic treatment affects prostate tumorigenesis in both mouse models,

selectively in castrated mice. Moreover, we demonstrated that a specific bacteria species acts on the androgen metabolism by directly producing dehydroepiandrosterone (DHEA), thus favouring resistance to androgen deprivation therapy. Our findings highlight hormone metabolism in the microbiome as a potential target to improve treatment responses in prostate cancer. This discovery has inspired the design of the first clinical trial assessing the role of gut microbiota in CRPC patients that recently started in the UK and Switzerland, supported by the Prostate Cancer Foundation (PROMIZE, EudraCT 2021-004559-18).

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Key findings: We provided evidence that a specific bacterium in the gut microbiota promotes the differentiation and migration of pro-tumorigenic Th17 cells, which colonize the gut and migrate to the bone marrow, favouring the emergence of multiple myeloma. The Th17 cells are a T-cell subset that produces IL17. Lack of IL17 or disturbance of the microbiome delayed multiple myeloma appearance in the Vk*MYC mouse model of multiple myeloma. Similarly, patients with high levels of IL17 in the plasma progress faster from an asymptomatic disease called smouldering multiple myeloma to frank multiple myeloma. Mechanistically, IL17 produced by Th17 cells in the tumour microenvironment activates eosinophils to produce IL6. Both these cytokines directly sustain malignant plasma cells inducing STAT3 phosphorylation. Treatment of Vk*MYC mice with antibodies blocking IL-17, IL-17RA and IL-5 reduced bone marrow accumulation of Th17 cells and eosinophils and delayed disease progression.

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Patents

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