

UCLA Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center NEWSLETTER



JCCC Researcher Discovers Mechanism that Accelerates Recovery of Blood System After Injury

Led by JCCC member Dr. John Chute, UCLA scientists have shown for the first time how the novel protein pleiotrophin can drive recovery of bone marrow-derived stem cells and the blood system after injury. These groundbreaking findings provide a roadmap for more curative future therapies and overall improved treatment protocols for blood-related cancers and diseases. [Read more >](#)

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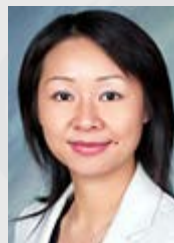
Melanoma Drug Combo Improves Patient Survival Rate, Decreases Risk of Harsh Side Effect



JCCC members Drs. Antoni Ribas and Roger Lo helped pioneer a new therapy that combines the drug Zelboraf with experimental drug cobimetinib, allowing metastatic melanoma patients to live longer and without the harsh side effect of a secondary skin cancer seen in some patients prescribed Zelboraf alone. Researchers found that the BRAF mutation gives melanoma the signal to grow continuously as a cancer, and the combo forces the melanoma to respond better.

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JCCC Researcher Recognized with Prestigious NIH New Innovator Award



Dr. Lili Yang has received an NIH Director's New Innovator Award of \$2.3 million, in recognition of her breakthrough research modeling new ways to genetically program invariant natural killer T cells (iNKT) to attack cancer tumors. The grant is designed to support creative new investigators with highly innovative research ideas at an early stage of their career, and emphasizes the potential of Dr. Yang's research to pave the way for new and innovative cellular therapies for cancer.

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Donor Dinner Raises Crucial Funds for Cancer Research



The Jonsson Cancer Center Foundation held its Eighth Annual Diana Gordon Jonsson Donor Recognition on September 16 to thank our generous donors for their philanthropic support, while recognizing an outstanding physician-scientist and patient for their contributions to the JCCC. Dr. Roger Lo received the Diana Gordon Jonsson Award for Clinical Excellence, and Bob Ferber received the Diana Gordon Jonsson Award for Hope and Inspiration.

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