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**Immuno-genomic cancer evolution
and mechanisms of resistance to
cancer immunotherapy revealed by
multi-layer analysis**

Key article:
Sci Immunol. 2025;10(105):eabo5570.
Cancer Cell. 2022; 40(2): 201-218



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**Addressing Unmet Clinical Needs
in Oncology: The Strategic
Integration of IITs and
Translational Research**

Key article: *J Clin Oncol.* 2022;40,1916-1928.
J Clin Oncol. 2024;42,2747-2756.
J Clin Oncol. 2024;42,1241-1251.



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**Multi Omics Driven Therapeutic
and Preventive Strategies for
Refractory Cancers**

Key article:
Cancer Discov. 2026;16(3):478-496.
Nat Cancer. 2021;2(9):962-977.



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**Mutational Signatures and Clonal
Hematopoiesis in Intestinal
Metaplasia across Countries with
Varying Stomach Cancer Incidence**

Key article: *Cancer Cell.* 2018;33(1):137-150.e5.
Cancer Cell. 2023;41(12):2019-2037.e8.
Cancer Discov. 2026;16(3):497-520.



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**Understanding Disease Architecture
Through Systems Epidemiology**

Key article:
Blood Cancer Discov. 2025;6(4):298-306.
N Engl J Med. 2023;388(13):1181-90.



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**Human and Epstein-Barr virus
genetic interaction driving
nasopharyngeal carcinoma
susceptibility**

Key article: *Nat Genet.* 2019;51(7):1131-1136.
Cell Genom. 2024;4(2):100474.
Nature. 2026;653(8115):786-795.