

Bits and Pieces May 21 2006

Hi Everybody,
lots of stories this week!

First up:

An interesting abstract about using dex, lowered dose Melphalan and anti-IL-6 monoclonal antibody (mAb) (B-E8) for auto SCT:

<<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/entrez/query.fcgi?CMD=search&DB=pubmed>>

And another anti-IL-6 mAb showing success with Rheumatoid Arthritis

<<http://www.pharmalive.com/news/index.cfm?articleid=334691&categoryid=48>>

Here's a story about long lasting pain relief tablets:

Prolonged release hydromorphone tablets

<<http://www.prnewswire.co.uk/cgi/news/release?id=170862>>

For all those of you who suffer from Migraines (you have my sympathy):

Interesting group of trials for migraine relief, including Botox, Thalidomide and intravenous Tramadol:

<<http://www.medpagetoday.com/Neurology/Migraines/tb/3295>>

Here is a report on a compound Nick flagged some time ago
a proteasome inhibitor NPI-0052

<<http://tinyurl.com/jb2dp>>

Here is another link for Ben's abstract on the mouse genes issue:

<<http://www1.wfubmc.edu/NR/rdonlyres/DFCA7212-A0AC-431F-9622-FBA5C19ED18D/0/pnas5806.pdf>>

and another link:

<<http://www1.wfubmc.edu/pathresearch/srmouse/index.htm>>

Here's an interesting article about a link between inflammation and cancer

<http://www.cancer.gov/NCICancerBulletin/NCI_Cancer_Bulletin_051606?cb_email=1>

A new study suggests that inflammation triggered by a protein found in many human tumors may help the tumors grow and avoid attacks by the immune system.

People have complained that the stem cell harvest process is too long and complicated.

Here is a link about a trial for a single injection of pegfilgrastin instead of Cyclophosphamide/G-CSF:

single injection of pegfilgrastin for stem cell harvest

<http://tinyurl.com/p35od>

Here's an interesting article for all of you who seek alternate medicine:

<http://tinyurl.com/z5h3r>

Ganoderma lucidum causes apoptosis in leukemia, lymphoma and multiple myeloma cells.

And a really good web site for everything you wanted to know about herbs:

<http://www.mskcc.org/mskcc/html/11571.cfm?herbsaccept=yes>

Scientists discover new genetic subtypes of common blood cancer
Scientists

at Dana-Farber and collaborators have identified four distinct genetic subtypes of multiple myeloma, a deadly blood cancer, that have different prognoses and might be treated most effectively with drugs specifically targeted to those subtypes. Read more

<<http://e2ma.net/go/272548722/215301/6216409/goto:http://www.dana-farber.org/abo/news/press/2006/scientists-discover-new-genetic-subtypes-of-common-blood-cancer.html>>

Avian flu modeled on supercomputer, explores vaccine and isolation options for thwarting a pandemic
<http://www.lanl.gov/news/index.php?fuseaction=home.story&story_id=8171>

That's it for this week folks, please let me know if you are enjoying the Bits and Pieces column and how I can improve it!
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