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ZOOM ON CANCER

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## Melanoma addiction to GCDH defines NRF2 tumor suppressor function

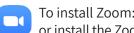
**18**<sup>th</sup> November 2021

14:00 Candiotty Auditorium

Light refreshments will be served from 13:45

Tumor dependency on specific metabolic signals has guided numerous therapeutic approaches. Here we identify melanoma addiction to the lysine metabolism pathway, which defines NRF2 tumor suppressor function. Inhibition of select lysine catabolism components, either genetically, or by newly identified small molecules, effectively attenuates NRF2 tumor suppressor function and induces melanoma cell death, seen in culture as in inhibition of melanoma in mice. Addiction to lysine catabolism is independent of genetic driver mutations. Addiction to lysine catabolism pathway components, which define NRF2 tumor suppressor function, offers a new paradigm for the control of NRF2 oncogenic vs. tumor suppressor activities, while highlighting a novel therapeutic modality for treatment of melanoma.

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