ABOUT THE SPEAKER



Development of a new personalized medical approach to treat B Cell lymphomas

B cell lymphomas are hematological cancers that are rarely cured with current therapies, all of which have inherent toxicities and variable response rates. We recently found that the enzyme N-myristoyltransferase 2 (NMT2) is lost in a high proportion of human B cell lymphoma cell lines and tumors, and that this feature renders them highly sensitive to therapy with a new NMT inhibitor compound.

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