2012 Individual Investigator Awards

Michael Atkins, M.D.
Georgetown University
Established Investigator Award
PROJECT TITLE: “Kinetics and effects of vemurafenib on intratumoral immunity”

Barbara Bedogni, Ph.D.
Case Western Reserve University - School of Medicine
Skinceuticals - MRA Young Investigator Award
PROJECT TITLE: “Targeting melanocyte precursor pathways for melanoma therapy”

Marcus Bosenberg, M.D., Ph.D.
Yale University
MRA-MRF Established Investigator Award
PROJECT TITLE: “Development of effective melanoma combination therapies”

Jonathan Cebon, Ph.D., FRACP
Ludwig Institute for Cancer Research, Melbourne-Austin Branch
Established Investigator Award
PROJECT TITLE: “Targeting inducible invasive cells in melanoma”

Douglas V Faller, MD, Ph.D.
Boston University, B U Medical Campus
Established Investigator Award
“Targeting N-RAS as a therapeutic approach for melanoma”

Levi A Garraway, M.D., Ph.D.
Dana-Farber Cancer Institute
Established Investigator Award
PROJECT TITLE: “The development of rational therapeutic regimens for NRAS-mutant melanoma”

Thomas G. Graeber, Ph.D.
University of California, Los Angeles
Established Investigator Award
PROJECT TITLE: “Delineating BRAF inhibitor resistance mechanisms using proteomic profiling”
Susan M Kaech, Ph.D., B.S.
Yale University School of Medicine
Development Award
PROJECT TITLE: “Regulatory Macrophages: A New Therapeutic Target in Melanoma”

Kim Margolin
University of Washington
Academic-Industry Partnership Award
PROJECT TITLE: “Novel IL-15/IL-15 Receptor-IgFc Complex in Advanced Melanoma Patients”

Martin McMahon, Ph.D.
University of California, San Francisco
Established Investigator Award
PROJECT TITLE: “Mechanisms of Cooperation between BRAF & PI3'-kinase Signaling in Melanoma”

Fan Pan, M.D., Ph.D.
Johns Hopkins University
Young Investigator Award
PROJECT TITLE: “Combining targeted therapy and immunotherapy to treat melanoma”

Jeffrey Ravetch, MD, Ph.D.
The Rockefeller University
Established Investigator Award
PROJECT TITLE: “Enhancing immunotherapeutic activity of agonistic anti-CD40 antibodies”

Ramesh Rengan, M.D., Ph.D.
The University of Pennsylvania
Pilot Award
PROJECT TITLE: “RADVAX: Stereotactic Body Radiation Therapy with Ipilimumab in Melanoma”

Neal Rosen, M.D., Ph.D.
Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center
Established Investigator Award
PROJECT TITLE: “Combinatorial approaches to treating mutant BRAF melanomas”

Chris Sander, Ph.D.
Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center
Established Investigator Award
PROJECT TITLE: “Network models of signaling pathways and combinatorial therapy in melanoma”

Hermann Steller, Ph.D.
The Rockefeller University
Established Investigator Award
PROJECT TITLE: “Targeting XIAP for the treatment of melanoma”
Sohail Tavazoie, M.D., Ph.D.
The Rockefeller University
Amanda and Jonathan Eilian – MRA Young Investigator Award
PROJECT TITLE: “Therapeutic targeting of novel metastatic microRNAs in human melanoma”

Mary Jo Turk, Ph.D.
Dartmouth College
Development Award
PROJECT TITLE: “Mechanisms of synergy between vemurafenib and immunotherapy for melanoma”

Graeme Walker, Ph.D.
Queensland Institute of Medical Research
Pilot Award
PROJECT TITLE: “Discovery of Genes for Melanoma Development Using a Powerful New Approach”

Richard Mark White, M.D., Ph.D.
Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center
Maria and Bill Bell – MRA Young Investigator Award
The 2012 AACR-Conquer Cancer Foundation of ASCO Young Investigator Translational Cancer Research Award is providing partial support for this project
PROJECT TITLE: “Transcriptional elongation in BRAFV600E sensitive and resistant melanoma”

Xu Wu, Ph.D.
Massachusetts General Hospital
Young Investigator Award
PROJECT TITLE: “Targeting NRAS Palmitoylation in Melanoma”

Kai W. Wucherpfennig, MD, Ph.D.
Dana-Farber Cancer Institute
Established Investigator Award
PROJECT TITLE: “Synergistic Targeting of Inhibitory T cell Pathways in Melanoma”