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CANCER CELL METABOLISM AND COLORECTAL CANCER SURVIVAL: A ROLE FOR WARBURG-SUBTYPES?

1. Warburg-subtyping has prognostic value in colorectal cancer, independent of known prognostic factors such as disease stage. – *This thesis*
2. Trained non-pathologists can generate reproducible immunohistochemistry scoring results that are comparable to those of an experienced pathologist. – *This thesis*
3. Mutational subgroups, based on the observed mutation frequencies of RAS (KRAS, NRAS, HRAS), BRAF, PIK3CA, and MET, as well as patients' mismatch repair status, are associated with differences in cancer-specific and overall survival. – *This thesis*
4. Warburg-subtyping may be used to predict survival benefit from adjuvant (chemo) therapy in colorectal cancer patients. – *This thesis*
5. Warburg-subtyping may in the future be used for risk stratification of colorectal cancer patients, and the design and tailoring of Warburg-targeted therapies. – *This thesis*
6. Molecular pathological epidemiological studies are essential to understand the complex interplay between etiological factors, molecular alterations and disease outcome.
7. Research should not focus on answering the question "Does marker X have prognostic value in disease Y?" but rather "Does marker X have added prognostic value over the already existing markers in disease Y?"
8. Statistically non-significant results may still be clinically relevant and should always be reported.
9. The spread of misinformation on social media hinders public trust in (biomedical) science.
10. It is perfectly possible to pursue an academic career and be a 'good' mother at the same time.
11. Doorzettingsvermogen en inzet zijn minstens zo belangrijk als intelligentie.

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