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ONLINE COVER: A labcoat plant with electrodes attached with an adaptable coupling layer for long-term monitoring. Current non-invasive methods of measuring plant electrophysiology are not suitable for long-term measurements, preventing continuous monitoring over long periods of time. Wong et al. designed an electrode that allows for a month-long, non-invasive method of...

SOCIAL AND INTERDISCIPLINARY SCIENCES AND PUBLIC HEALTH

Lifecourse genome-wide association study meta-analysis refines the critical life stages for adiposity's influence on breast cancer risk

Improving knowledge of adiposity's genetic architecture across the lifecourse refines insights into its role in breast cancer.

The earliest elephant-bone tool from Europe: An unexpected raw material for precision knapping of Acheulean handaxes

Europe's earliest elephant-bone tool sheds light on 500,000-year-old human innovation and cognitive abilities.

Ambient air quality and health impacts of PM2.5 from US residential wood combustion

Air pollution from residential wood burning contributes to thousands of premature deaths annually, with unexpected urban impacts.

Far-reaching hunter-gatherer networks during the Last Glacial Maximum in Western Europe

Geochronology of stone tools reveals unprecedentedly large social ties among European hunter-gatherers during the Last Ice Age.

COBRA-k: A powerful framework bridging constraint-based and kinetic metabolic modeling

COBRA-k unlocks next-generation metabolic modeling—accurate, flexible, and predictive, delivering broad biological insights.

NEUROSCIENCE

Dynamic context-based updating of object representations in the visual cortex

Objects are mentally rotated together with the changing viewpoint on a scene, affecting their representation in the visual cortex.

EARTH, ENVIRONMENTAL, ECOLOGICAL, AND SPACE SCIENCES

Slowing planetary rotation influences ocean nutrient cycling and oxygenation

Slowing rotation (longer days) may improve marine biogeochemical productivity and oxygenation on Earth and Earth-like exoplanets.

Bilateral Loa-Kea trends of the Hawaiian Islands caused by the bottom-up splitting of plume conduit

Global mantle convection models reveal how LVP-sourced plumes evolve, explaining the transient geochemical zoning of Hawaii.

Dynamic redox-promoted iron and nutrient cycling drove graptolite evolution across the Ordovician-Silurian transition

Fe-driven nutrient cycling was responsible for graptolite evolution across the Ordovician-Silurian transition.

Prototaxites fossils are structurally and chemically distinct from extant fungi

Prototaxites fossils are distinct from fungi, suggesting that they represent an extinct lineage of eukaryotic life.

PHYSICAL AND MATERIALS SCIENCES

Piezoelectric surface acoustic wave memristor neural network

A compact piezoelectric SAW memristor neural network enables nonvolatile programmable wireless RF signal processing.

Adaptable thermoresponsive polymer for long-term electrical coupling in plant electrophysiology monitoring

An electrode enables month-long, noninvasive electrophysiology on diverse plants, unlocking insights into plant health.

Pairing particles into holonomies

Previously unknown holonomies in two- and many-particle quantum systems revealed by a state-based approach.

Two-dimensional lamellar nanosheet membranes with intrinsic size-sieving nanopores for ultrafast hydrogen separation

A carbon nitride nanosheet membrane with intrinsic nanopores enables efficient hydrogen separation with ultrahigh permeance.

Bioinspired growable humanoid robot with bone-mimetic linkages for versatile mobility

A soft humanoid robot with bone-inspired linkages can grow, walk, crawl, swim, fly, and safely interact with humans.

Photovoltaic nanoassembly of nanowire arrays sensitized with colloidal nanocrystals for near-infrared retina photostimulation

Nanocrystal-sensitized nanowires evoke vision-restoring neural activity in blind retinas under safe near-infrared illumination.

Randomness certification in a quantum network with independent sources

Device-independent randomness is certified within a quantum network and experimentally validated on a photonic platform.

Negative-thermal-expansion particles enable high-performance and ultradurable thermoelectric modules

Negative-thermal-expansion particles enable efficient and durable thermoelectric modules.

Digital composites with reprogrammable phase architectures

A digital composite uses switchable solid-liquid voxels to tune mechanical properties on demand.

BIOMEDICINE AND LIFE SCIENCES

A genome-wide genetic screen reveals the P2Y2-integrin axis as a stabilizer of EGFR mutants in non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC)

The ATP₂ P2Y₂ and integrin signaling axis helps EGFR mutants survive in lung cancers, pointing to a target to tackle resistance.

Granuloma dual RNA-seq reveals composite transcriptional programs driven by neutrophils and necrosis within tuberculous granulomas

Dual host-pathogen transcriptional profiling defines granuloma-specific programs during mycobacterial infection.

Bacteriophages mobilize bacterial defense systems via lateral transduction

Bacteriophages and PICs spread bacterial defenses via lateral transduction, shaping microbial immunity and pathogen evolution.

Steroid-dependent metabolic rewiring reveals novel therapeutic and imaging approaches for glioblastoma

Decamethazone reprograms glioblastoma nicotinamide metabolism, sensitizing tumors to methionine restriction and enabling PET.

Healing of ischemic injury in the retina

Light signals in postmortem human retinas challenge that ischemic injury is irreversible and aid research to restore vision.

Optimally engineered HLA/peptide-specific CAR-T cells outperform TCR-T cells to eradicate solid tumors

CAR-T cells targeting HLA-A2:MAGEA10₂₃₉₋₂₃₉ outperform TCR-T cells in vivo due to costimulatory signaling.

Autocrine TGFβ2 enforces a transcriptionally hybrid cell state in Ewing sarcoma

Autocrine TGFβ2 feedback loop supports matrix-producing hybrid cell states in Ewing sarcoma.

Oxidation-activated nanotherapy boosts tumor immunity and disrupts tumor-nerve crosstalk to combat bone metastases and cancer pain

A nanotherapy that reprograms immune and neural circuits halts bone metastases, relieves cancer pain, and restores bone integrity.

Neuronal GPR75 deficiency protects against diet-induced obesity in a humanized mouse model

Switching off the GPR75 gene can prevent obesity or boost fat burning, depending on where it is turned off.

Resident CD49a^{CD103}NKG2C⁺ NK cells restrict HIV infection in human lymphoid tissue explants

Tissue-resident NK cells adapt dynamically to early HIV, revealing memory-like subsets that link viral control and dysfunction.

RSV temporally reprograms apoptosis and pyroptosis to balance immune evasion and replication

RSV orchestrates cell death and IL-1β release via spatially distinct, linked death signaling axes for immune evasion and spread.

CD318 expression defines a novel subset of human CD8⁺ regulatory T cells

CD318 is up-regulated in activated CD8 T cells defining a regulatory subtype with therapeutic potential.

Lrm-mediated retinal ganglion cell targeting drives visual circuit assembly for brightness and contrast detection

Precise wiring by Lrm CAMs in a deep visual circuit enables reassembly to detect brightness and contrast for essential behaviors.

Mitochondrial heterogeneity drives the evolution of fungicide resistance in Phytophthora sojae, with associated fitness trade-offs

Mitochondrial heterogeneity drives the azoxystrobin resistance evolution, yet it reduces the Phytophthora sojae's fitness.

Aberrant methylation limits antitumoral inflammation in lung adenocarcinoma by restricting RIPK3 expression

Aberrant methylation silences RIPK3 in lung adenocarcinoma, limiting necroinflammation and immune defense against tumors.

Selective disruption of lipid peroxide homeostasis in intratumoral regulatory T cells by targeting FSP1 enhances cancer immunity

Deletion of Aifm2 disrupts Treg cell immunosuppression within tumors without lecting autoimmune pathology in mice.

TDRD3, a Tudor domain-containing protein, regulates Klf2-dependent Treg differentiation and function to modulate immune tolerance

TDRD3 regulates immune tolerance via activating Klf2 gene to promote Treg differentiation and function.

Macro Plant Projection Imaging (MAPPI): An open, scalable platform for whole-plant fluorescence real-time imaging

A scalable open-source imaging platform reveals long-distance signaling in soil-grown plants under development and stress.

Molecular and structural basis of a subfamily of PrfH rescuing both the damaged and intact ribosomes stalled in translation

A single protein rescues two notably different stalled ribosomes, and two cryo-EM structures reveal the molecular insights.

Regulatory hotspot on the influenza A virus polymerase revealed through the structure of the NP2-polymerase complex

Structural studies reveal how influenza virus switches between making new RNA genomes and exporting them from the host nucleus.

Superenhancers shape the landscape and repair dynamics of transcription-associated DNA breaks in cancer

Superenhancers create hotspots of DNA fragility and mutations by intensifying transcription-associated breakage and repair.

Expanding DNA alphabet adds a previously unknown dimension to nanostructures

DNA nanostructures made with intelligently designed base pairs hold promise of improving DNA nanotechnology.

ERRATA

Erratum for the Research Article "TP53 missense-specific transcriptional plasticity drives resistance against cell cycle inhibitors in pancreatic cancer" by L. Urbach et al.

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Erratum for the Research Article "Excitotoxic neuronal death requires superoxide entry into neurons through volume-regulated anion channels" by K. Harris et al.

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