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Interleukin-6: designing specific therapeutics for a complex cytokine

Christoph Garbers, Sylvia Heink, Thomas Korn and Stefan Rose-John

Dysregulation of IL-6 signalling is associated with inflammatory and lymphoproliferative disorders, and several classes of therapeutics have been developed that target components of the IL-6 signalling pathway. This Review describes the progress made in recent years in inhibiting IL-6-signalling and analyses the advantages and disadvantages of these approaches.

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Post-exposure treatments for Ebola and Marburg virus infections

Robert W. Cross, Chad E. Mire, Heinz Feldmann and Thomas W. Geisbert

Efforts towards developing post-exposure therapies for infections with filoviruses, particularly Ebola and Marburg viruses, increased substantially during the Ebola virus outbreak of 2013–2016. Geisbert and colleagues review the progress made on this front and discuss the challenges and opportunities for developing post-exposure therapies in the future.

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P. Ann Boriack-Sjodin, Scott Ribich and Robert A. Copeland

Covalent modifications of RNA — mediated by RNA-modifying proteins (RMPs) — affect RNA stability and translation to proteins, and some of these RMPs have been implicated in cancer. Here, Copeland and colleagues review the current understanding of RNA modifications with a focus on mRNA methylation and assess the potential of RMPs as novel anticancer targets.

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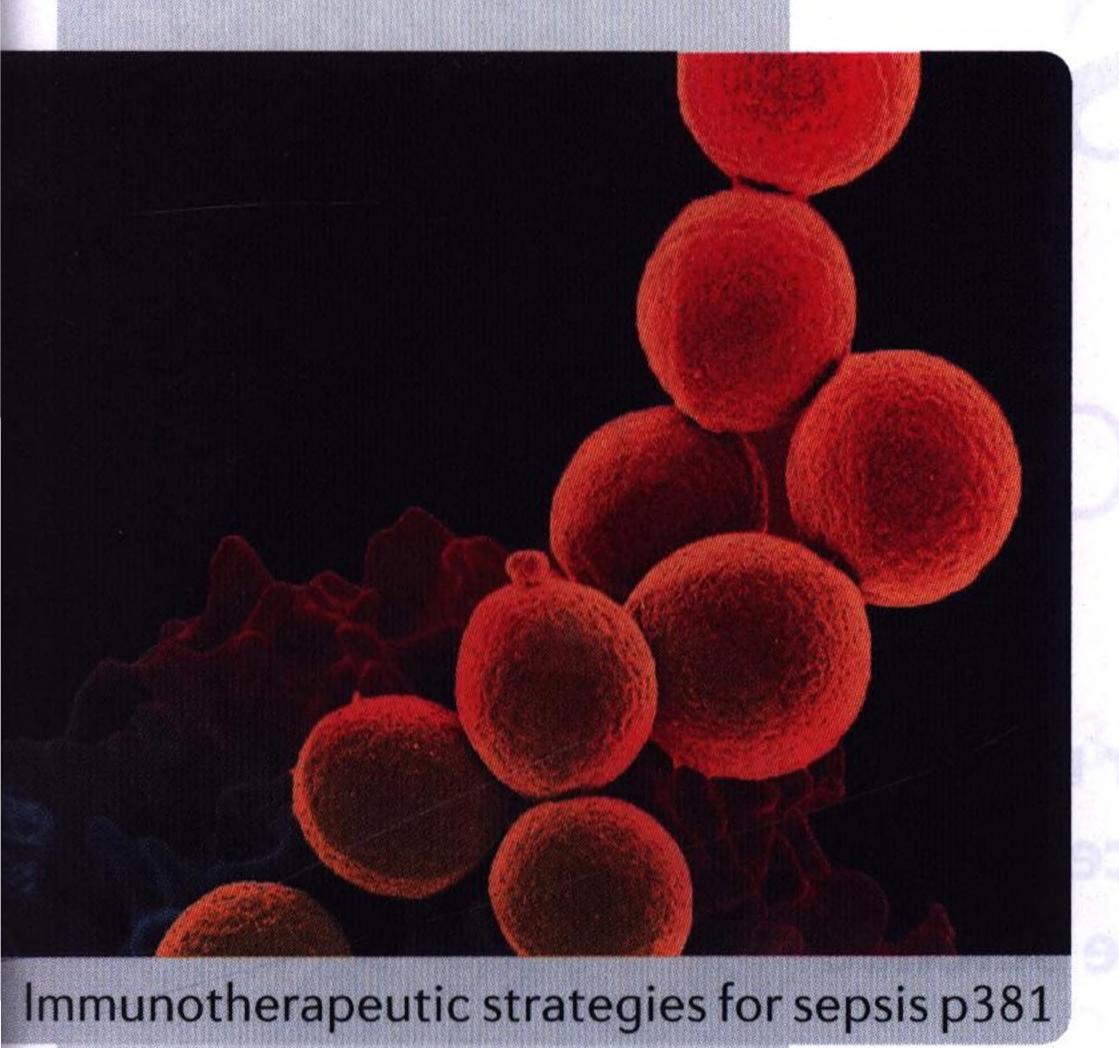
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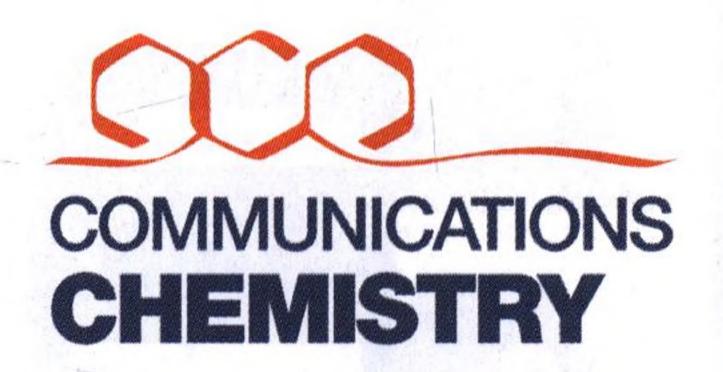
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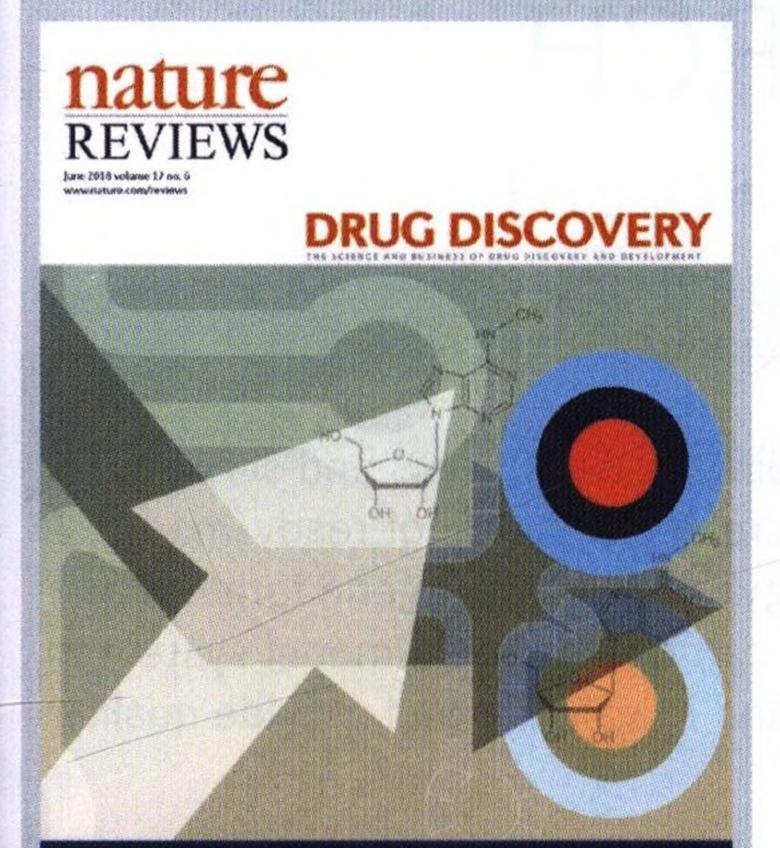
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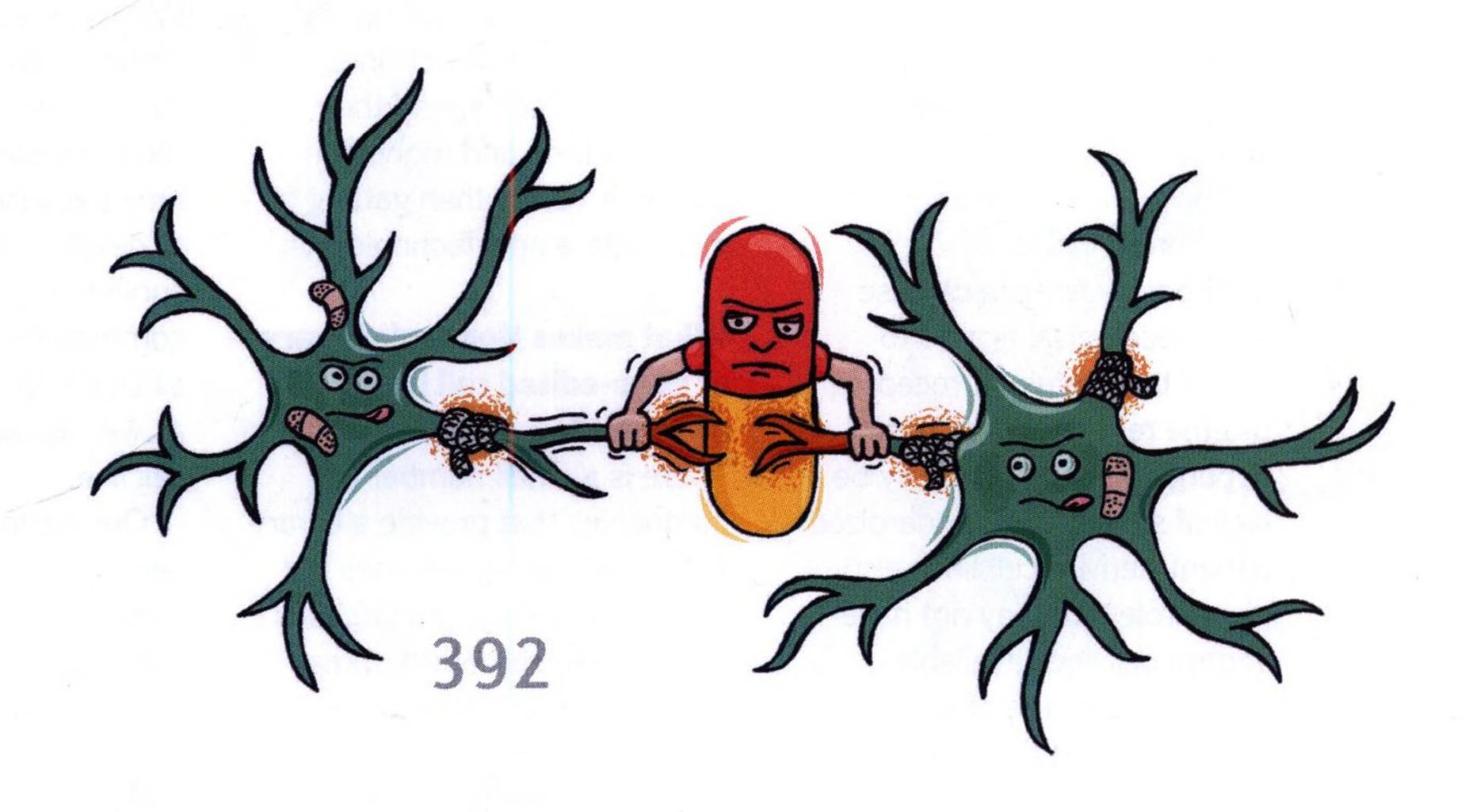
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