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Drug-drug synthetic lethality to combat liver cancer: From bench to bedside

Abstract: Recently, drug-drug synthetic lethality was developed to counter intrinsic drug resistance that often results from feedback-mediated activation of the same or a parallel signalling pathway upon drug treatment. The high-throughput technologies of CRISPR-Cas9-mediated gene knockout have greatly facilitated unbiased discovery of such drug-drug synthetic lethality. Here, we will discuss two examples of drug-drug synthetic lethality, which have been translated from 'bench to bed', highlighting the power of high-throughput screening in guiding the design of clinical combination therapies.