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Scientists develop new therapy for treatment of skin, lung cancer

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Scientists at the University of Granada have developed a new therapy for the treatment of skin and lung cancer. This therapy involves the use of a suicide coliphage-gene (gene E) that can induce death to cells transfected with it.. Their studies have demonstrated that this technique is not only effective in vitro (using tumour cell cultures), but also in vivo through the use of experimental animals in which tumours were induced.

Although further research is required, the results obtained at the University of Granada revealed gene E's intensive antitumour activity, which means that it could be used in new treatments for this type of pathology.

This study was carried out by Raúl Ortiz Quesada, from the Department of Human Anatomy and Embriology, at the University of Granada, and led by professors Antonia Aránega Jiménez, José Carlos Prados Salazar y Consolación Melguizo Alonso.

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