

They rule out the implication of a gene in the aggressiveness of melanoma

David Millán-Esteban, a predoctoral researcher supported by the Spanish Association Against Cancer (AECC) in Valencia, has published two new studies as a result of his doctoral thesis that have suggested ruling out the implication of a gene in the greater aggressiveness of melanoma .

The KIT gene, studied by researchers at the Valencian Institute of Oncology (IVO), is a gene that generates a molecule with the same name located on the surface of cells and that functions as a " button " that, when activated , triggers a series of signals that make the cell begin to grow and multiply. Mutations in this gene make its activity automatic, leading to uncontrolled cell growth.

