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Erectile Dysfunction (ED) Drugs And Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension (PAH) Medications May Cause Increased Rate Of Melanoma Metastasis

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SUMMARY: A recent study by Marais and colleagues is the subject of this article, "Oncogenic BRAF Induces Melanoma Cell Invasion by Downregulating the cGMP-Specific Phosphodiesterase PDE5A", which was published in January 2011 by the *Cancer Cell* medical journal.

While Marais and his colleagues in this article did not associate Cialis, Levitra, Viagra, etc. with a higher rate of invasive melanoma, their medical study left the door open for there being a link between PDE5A inhibitor drugs and an increased risk of melanoma metastasis.

Then, a few years later, comes this 2014 medical journal article about Viagra, "Sildenafil Use and Increased Risk of Incident Melanoma in US Men: A Prospective Cohort Study", published by *JAMA Internal Medicine*.

So the link between Cialis, Levitra, Viagra, etc. with a higher rate of invasive melanoma seems to remain possible, as we discussed in this November 2014 post, "The Link Between Popular Erectile Dysfunction (ED) Drug Viagra And Melanoma Has A Potential Molecular Basis According To Medical Expert Who Reviewed Recent Study".

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