

Podcast: Diagnosing cancer early, and Antarctica's surprising biodiversity

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Tell-tale waste products thrown out by cancer cells could allow scientists to diagnose pancreatic cancer before symptoms emerge¹. All it takes is a simple blood test. Also on the show: how changes to air currents such as the North Atlantic jet stream contribute to extreme heatwaves and cold snaps², and a survey of Antarctica's biodiversity — for an icy wasteland, it is teeming with life³.

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