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On the Cover: Injury-induced expansion of SMC-derived YFP(+)CD45(+) adventitial cells. Two-month-old SM22-Cre-YFP mice were subjected to carotid ligation injury. Arteries were harvested 3 days post injury and immunofluorescently stained for YFP (green) and CD45 (red). Shown is the inner adventitia of injured vessels. See related article, page 296.