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Applications of Plasma in Cancer Treatment and Physiology

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Cold plasma is proven to have a selective killing effect on tumors, as evidenced by growing in vitro and in vivo data during the past ten years. There are two main points of agreement among the research community. First, cold plasma can be used on a wide range of malignancies. Second, reactive oxygen and nitrogen species (RONS) are central players responsible for the majority of its effects. The RONS serve as a common point for regulating different signaling pathways leading to cell cycle arrest, DNA damage, and apoptosis in tumor cells. However, the type of cold plasma device and exposure interval may present altered effects. Moreover, little information is available on its interactions with the tumor microenvironment (TME). While novel and more effective plasma devices are encouraged, there is an urgent need to generate consensus on the standardization and applicability of plasma devices for clinical translation.

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