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Anti-cancer Peptides and Peptide-Like Molecules

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Anti-cancer peptides are currently being found to be effective in inducing cancer cell death by tumor cell necrosis (e.g., PNC-27), apoptosis (e.g., p53 effector peptides) or in inducing tumor cell reversion to the untransformed phenotype (e.g., ras-21 effector peptides). These peptides exert their effects on cancer cells and do not affect normal cells, giving them a major advantage over commonly used chemotherapeutic drugs. Although the half-lives of anti-cancer peptides are relatively short, they interact with their targets rapidly, resulting in cancer cell death or phenotypic reversion. This volume will discuss the anti-tumor effects of these new peptides and their mechanisms of action and suggest how they may be used clinically

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