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Antibody-Drug Conjugates and Cancer Immunotherapy

Message from the Guest Editor

Antibody-drug conjugates (ADCs) are powerful anticancer agents designed for target delivery of cytotoxic molecules. Several studies indicate that ADCs have immunostimulatory properties through different mechanisms, including macrophage reprogramming and T memory cell generation. These observations led to growing interest in the development of ADCs specifically designed to boost the immune response through the delivery of immuno-stimulant payloads or by targeting the tumor microenvironment. Despite this, many questions remain open: can immuno-stimulant ADCs induce a response in "cold tumors", refractory to immune checkpoint inhibitors? Can ADCs revert immunotherapy resistance? Do ADCs and immunotherapy agents have a synergistic effect? Is there an optimal sequence for treatment in cancers with known sensitivity to ADCs and immunotherapy? The publication of a Special Issue may facilitate solutions to some of these questions and support the development of effective treatment strategies for cancer patients.

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