

Special Issue

Oncolytic Viruses as an Emerging Aspect of Immune Oncology

Message from the Guest Editor

Oncolytic viruses (OVs), mainly known for their ability to specifically target and cause the lysis of cancer cells, have more recently become accepted as a unique and promising aspect of immuno-oncology. Through the process of virus replication and innate responses to the infection process in tumors, the tumor microenvironment (TME) often undergoes a reprogramming and a conversion of immune suppression into immune stimulation, which can lead to potent systemic immune responses directed against distant tumor cells throughout the body. Furthermore, by heating up the TME, solid cancers can be sensitized to other forms of immunotherapy (i.e., immune checkpoint inhibitors, adoptive cell therapies, tumor vaccines, etc.) through OV treatment. Due to their multimechanistic modes of action, OVs represent an exciting approach in immuno-oncology, which can be applied either in a monotherapy setting or as components of rationally designed combination approaches for potential synergistic effects. The Special Issue aims to highlight this exciting translational approach in immuno-oncology. We are pleased to invite you to submit original contributions related to this topic.

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