# **Special Issue**

# Radiotherapy and Immunotherapy Combinations for the Treatment of Cancer

### Message from the Guest Editor

Radiotherapy (RT) is a principal component of cancer treatment, given to over 50% of patients. In addition to direct cytotoxic activity via the induction of DNA damage, RT can influence the immune response to cancer and recalibrate the tumour microenvironment. Immunogenic changes in response to RT contribute to multiple stages of the cancer immunity cycle, activate the innate immune system and orchestrate priming of tumour-specific immunity. Alternatively, RT can exacerbate immune suppression via the upregulation of inhibitory checkpoints, and recruitment of myeloid cells. The ability of RT to modulate immune responses to cancer provides a clear rationale for combination with immunotherapeutic strategies. An extensive array of preclinical studies support this concept, demonstrating improved local control following combination therapy and highlighting the exciting potential to augment systemic immunity, leading to remission of disease outside of the irradiated field (abscopal responses).

### **Guest Editor**

Dr. Jamie Honeychurch

Division of Cancer Sciences, Faculty of Biology, Medicine and Health, University of Manchester, Manchester M13 9PL, UK

#### Deadline for manuscript submissions

closed (1 September 2021)



## **Cancers**

an Open Access Journal by MDPI

Impact Factor 4.4
CiteScore 8.8
Indexed in PubMed



mdpi.com/si/60201

Cancers
Editorial Office
MDPI, Grosspeteranlage 5
4052 Basel, Switzerland
Tel: +41 61 683 77 34
cancers@mdpi.com

mdpi.com/journal/cancers





# **Cancers**

an Open Access Journal by MDPI

Impact Factor 4.4 CiteScore 8.8 Indexed in PubMed



## **About the Journal**

### Message from the Editor-in-Chief

Cancers is an international online journal addressing both clinical and basic science issues related to cancer research. The journal is publishing in Open Access format, which will certainly evolve to ensure that the journal takes full advantage of the rapidly changing world of information and knowledge dissemination. It publishes high-quality clinical, translational, and basic science research on cancer prevention, initiation, progression, and treatment, as well as other related topics, particularly to capture the most seminal studies in the rapidly growing area of immunology, immunotherapy, and tumor microenvironment.

#### **Editor-in-Chief**

Prof. Dr. Samuel C. Mok.

Department of Gynecologic Oncology and Reproductive Medicine, The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, TX 77030, USA

### **Author Benefits**

### **Open Access:**

free for readers, with article processing charges (APC) paid by authors or their institutions.

### **High Visibility:**

indexed within Scopus, SCIE (Web of Science), PubMed, PMC, Embase, CAPlus / SciFinder, and other databases.

#### Journal Rank:

JCR - Q2 (Oncology) / CiteScore - Q1 (Oncology)

