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New Aspects of Targeting Cancer Metabolism in Therapeutic Approach

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Dear Colleagues,

Recently, cancer therapy has made a significant change by heading toward regulating the immune system, despite the fact that most cancers are not induced by mutation of the immune system. This implies a very important shift in focus, from what causes cancer to how we can cure cancer. The real matter resides in the question of how we can distinguish cancer cells from normal cells.

Cancer metabolism is quickly becoming a major drug target for the treatment of a variety of cancers. Cancer-specific metabolic inhibitor enasidenib has been approved for acute myeloid leukemia therapy (2017) by the US FDA and will likely continue to expand. A series of studies on cancer specific metabolic dependency may find a use for the list of metabolic inhibitors as therapeutic agents. That will be the ultimate answer for how we can kill only cancer cells when systemically mixed with normal cells.

This Special Issue focuses on the connection between cancer-specific metabolism and its possibility as a therapeutic target, with an emphasis on novel inhibitors and new therapeutic possibilities targeting metabolic pathways.













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