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How Does Gene Regulation Affect Cancer Development?

Message from the Guest Editors

The mutations of certain genes greatly contribute to oncogenesis and cancer development. Some mutations occur in the open reading frame of genes, while other mutations occur in the regulatory domains of genes. The former type of mutations are cancer-specific and, therefore, difficult to target using anticancer drug developments. Meanwhile, the latter types of mutations lead to either the upregulation or downregulation of certain genes and, therefore, might provide some way to control the expression of these genes by manipulating some cellular regulatory mechanisms, such as transcription factors, non-coding RNAs, histones, and others. We recently proposed that the suppression of SP1, MYC, and HIF1A altogether could be a good target for anticancer drug development because cancers often use these transcription factors to their advantage. This Special Issue aims to further examine cellular gene networks that are utilized by cancers for their development, and which could be potential targets of anticancer drug development.

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