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Role of the G Protein-Coupled Receptors in Cancer and Stromal Cells: From Functions to Novel Therapeutic Perspectives—Series II

Message from the Guest Editors

Heterotrimeric G proteins consist of four subfamilies (Gs, Gi/o, Gq/11, and G12/13) involved in a multifaceted signaling network through the G-protein coupled receptors (GPCRs) that belong to the largest gene family of cell-surface receptors. Considering that many GPCRs play a key role in numerous physiological functions, their involvement in various human diseases, including cancer, is not surprising. In this regard, emerging evidence strongly suggests that GPCRs may drive certain aberrant features that characterize tumorigenic processes such as cell proliferation, survival, invasion, metastasis, angiogenesis, immune evasion, and therapy resistance. To date, GPCRs represent the therapeutic targets of more than a quarter of the clinical drugs currently on the market.

We invite scientists working on this topic to contribute to this Special Issue. Original research articles or reviews on all aspects related to the molecular and cellular mechanisms through which GPCRs trigger not only cancer cells but also the malignant liaison within the tumor microenvironment are welcome. Articles with insights from biological to therapeutic perspectives are especially welcome.

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