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Cancer and Immune System Interactions

Message from the Guest Editors

Cancer and immune system interactions play a crucial role in shaping tumor development and progression. The immune system continuously interacts with cancer cells, not only detecting and eliminating malignant cells but also, under certain conditions, supporting tumor growth, immune evasion, and resistance to therapy. Understanding how these immune responses are modulated within the tumor microenvironment is critical to developing new strategies for cancer prevention, diagnosis, and treatment. This Special Issue invites original research and reviews that explore the diverse roles of the immune system in cancer biology. We welcome studies investigating immune surveillance. inflammation-driven tumor initiation and progression, and the mechanisms that regulate immune activity within the tumor microenvironment. Submissions focused on immune-based therapies—such as checkpoint inhibitors, adoptive cell transfer, cancer vaccines, or novel immunomodulatory agents—are also strongly encouraged, particularly those that shed light on mechanisms of response, resistance, or therapeutic synergy.

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