

## Special Issue

# Tumor Microenvironment Targeted Nanotherapy

### Message from the Guest Editors

Recent findings suggest that the cellular and extracellular materials surrounding cancerous cells in an atypical tumor microenvironment (TME) play a pivotal role in tumor initiation and progression processes. The TME comprises an intricate system involving diverse cell types, including endothelial cells, pericytes, smooth muscle cells, fibroblasts, various inflammatory cells, dendritic cells, and cancer stem cells (CSCs). TME-forming cells dynamically interact with cancerous cells through various signaling mechanisms and pathways. Present-day researchers thus have a particular interest in exploiting these relationships to develop nanotherapeutics. Nanoparticles' benefits include their ability to passively target through the EPR effect and capacity to be easily be modified with a variety of moieties for active targeting. Moreover, they can utilize the altered tumor environment to promote drug accumulation at tumor sites and modulate the tumor microenvironment by carrying drugs. This Special Issue welcomes both reviews and original articles shedding light on nanotherapeutics targeting or regulating the tumor microenvironment.

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