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Advanced Use of Adenoviral Vectors in Cancer and Gene Therapy

Message from the Guest Editor

In recent decades, we have witnessed major improvements in the therapy of patients with early-stage tumor due to new chemotherapy treatments, refined radiotherapy, and advanced operative techniques. However, serious limitations in classical cancer therapy still exist, and there is a need for innovative therapeutic approaches. The promising potential of adenoviral vectors is witnessed by the fact that the first-in-class gene therapy product to treat head and neck cancer was adenovirus coding for p53 that entered the commercial market in 2004. Nevertheless, further improvements in vector development technologies are essential to avoid activation of the endogenous signal transduction pathways and production of cytokines due to antivector immune responses. This Special Issue aims to collect the latest advances and state of the art of adenoviral vectors used in cancer and gene therapy. This includes but is not limited to virotherapy, oncolytic vectors, cancer targeting, cancer immune therapy, cancer vaccines, and novel adenoviral vectors that can infect and transduce target cell or tissue with high specificity.

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