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Emerging Trends in Chimeric Antigen Receptor (CAR)-Based Cellular Immunotherapies

Message from the Guest Editors

Adoptive cell therapy (ACT) is an advanced approach to cancer treatment in which a patient's immune cells can be removed, engineered, expanded ex vivo, and transferred back into the patient to boost the anti-tumor immune response. The chimeric antigen receptor T (CAR-T) cell is a form of ACT that has revolutionized treatment for hematological malignancies. However, the success of CAR-T therapy for the treatment of solid tumors remains limited due to (1) antigen heterogeneity in solid tumors, (2) T-cell exhaustion, (3) inability to infiltrate solid tumors, or (4) immunosuppressive tumor microenvironment (TME). We invite the submission of original articles and reviews discussing the emerging trends in CAR-based immunotherapies for solid and hematological malignancies, chimeric engulfment receptor (CER) technology, biomarkers for CAR-based therapies, dendritic cell (DC) and regulatory (Treg) T-cellbased immunotherapies, multiplexing CAR, and CARbased combination therapies. In addition, novel modalities for in vivo CAR therapies (e.g., mRNA-lipid nanoparticles) or pre-clinical investigations are also welcome.

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