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Message from the Guest Editors

More and more evidence is delineating an articulated picture of the complex balance in tumor immune-editing that can protect the host against tumor development or promote tumor escape. In different clinical trials, antibody targeting of immune checkpoints mainly expressed by T and NK lymphocytes has presented the possibility to activate the immune system to achieve tumor controls. However, this approach can be limited by the onset of immune-related adverse effects and needs to be combined with other anti-tumor therapies to convert non-responders to responders. Cellular immunotherapy and neoantigen-based vaccines could represent efficient alternatives to develop precision immune-oncology. In this Special Issue, we encourage authors to present recent advances in immunotherapy strategies against hematological and nonhematological tumors as well as new insights into the particular composition of the solid tumor microenvironment that, with its immunosuppressive cytokines and enzyme products; altered nutrients availability; and, in some cases, mesenchymal and collagen barrier molecules, represents a strong limitation to the tumor eradicating function of T and NK cells.

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