Special Issue

Tumor Microenvironment: Molecular Mechanism and Signaling Pathway Involved in Cancer Metastasis

Message from the Guest Editors

Tumors are highly complex entities composed of a plethora of cell types, which altogether comprise what we call the "tumor microenvironment" (TME). Such an ecosystem contains immune, endothelial or nerve cells, as well as fibroblasts, which dynamically interact with cancer cells both at the physical and biochemical levels. Such interactions lead to acute and chronic alterations in the phenotypic characteristics of cancer and noncancer cells, ultimately affecting tumor progression. Understanding the TME-related mechanisms and signaling pathways will provide a more detailed view of the biology of tumor progression and an opportunity to design new therapeutic approaches, specifically tackling metastasis formation. For this Special Issue, we invite authors to submit original and review articles that provide new insights on how the TME influences tumor dissemination and metastasis. Articles covering new findings on TME-related mechanisms altering cancer motility, invasion, angiogenesis, hematogenous, or lymphatic dissemination, as well as immune evasion or therapy resistance, are welcomed.

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