

Introduction

Cancer is a complex disease characterized by uncontrolled cell growth and the ability to invade surrounding tissues and metastasize to distant sites. The tumor microenvironment (TME) plays a crucial role in cancer progression, influencing tumor growth, angiogenesis, and immune response. The TME is a dynamic ecosystem composed of various cell types, including cancer cells, stromal cells, and immune cells, all interacting with each other and the extracellular matrix (ECM).

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The tumor microenvironment: a dynamic ecosystem

Components of the tumor microenvironment

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Inhibiting ECM remodeling: D, C, F.

Altering metabolic pathways: E, (H, F), 7, 8.

Conflict of Interest

References

Conclusion

The tumor microenvironment (TME) is a complex ecosystem of cells and molecules that significantly influences cancer progression and therapeutic resistance. This review highlights the role of various components within the TME, including immune cells, extracellular matrix (ECM), and metabolic pathways. Key findings include the modulation of immune components (D-1, C-4, 7, 8), inhibition of ECM remodeling (D, C, F), and alteration of metabolic pathways (E, (H, F), 7, 8). These interactions collectively drive cancer progression and resistance to therapy, underscoring the need for a holistic approach to cancer treatment that targets the TME.

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