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The Role of Long Non-coding RNA in Cancer

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The role of lncRNAs is still unclear and currently under investigation in cancer progression, dormancy, and metastasis. lncRNAs are a class of transcripts with diverse and largely uncharacterized biological functions involved in various biological processes and have been proposed to be key players in diseases including cancers. Through crosstalk with chromatin, DNA, RNA species and proteins, lncRNAs play an important role in chromatin remodeling, as well as transcriptional and post-transcriptional regulation. The lncRNAs mediated genetic or epigenetic alterations in disseminated tumor cells regulate metastatic niches which play a significant role to define the fate of dormant tumor cells in reactivation. The rate-limiting step of the metastatic process can be influenced by various immune cells in a tumor microenvironment (TME). Despite all these findings, the role of tumor intrinsic lncRNAs in the regulation of metastatic reactivation and immune evasion remains unclear. Understanding the mechanisms of lncRNAs during cancer dormancy, metastasis and tumor immune microenvironment would be highly valuable to identify novel targets to combat cancer metastasis and relapse.



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