



Immune Checkpoint Inhibitors in the Treatment of Renal Cell Carcinoma

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Dear Colleagues,

Immune checkpoints are key regulators of the immune system and protect the host from autoimmune responses. Immune checkpoints can also be expressed on the surface of tumor cells and promote an immunosuppressive microenvironment that supports tumor growth. The blockade of immune checkpoints restores the activation of the immune system towards tumor cells. Multiple ICIs have been approved by the FDA for RCC therapies, including monoclonal antibodies that target the cytotoxic T-lymphocyte-associated protein-4 (CTLA-A4) or the programmed death-1 (PD-1). These antibodies are efficient and safe as monotherapy, in combination with other ICIs or with anti-angiogenic therapeutic compounds (the therapeutic references for 15 years). Thus, therapies based on ICIs are now recommended as the first-line therapy in clear-cell cancers with the observation of long-lasting disease control.

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