



Spatio-Temporal Changes in the Tumor Microenvironment: Focus on Hypoxia, Acidosis and Metabolism

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Message from the Guest Editors

Dear Colleagues,

A tumor is made up of cancer cells and a heterogeneous collection of infiltrating and resident host cells, extracellular matrices and secreted factors. Today, hypoxia and acidosis are recognized as two major hallmarks of the tumor microenvironment (TME). Areas of low O₂ and low pH develop in tumors because of the heterogeneous perfusion and metabolic preferences of the different constituent cell populations. Spatial alteration is the most common picture seen in these TME components. Temporal fluctuations are less widely described. Circadian rhythms are actually rarely associated with TME. However, tumor metabolism is inevitably influenced by fluctuations in the availability of nutrients and even circulating hormones. Spatiotemporal fluctuations in tumor metabolism thus further emphasize that TME is a key player in tumor growth.

In this Special Issue of *Cancers*, we welcome original research articles and review articles focusing on spatial specificities and time-dependent oscillations in cellular phenotypes and metabolic preferences within TME and how these parameters may offer a new framework for the discovery of innovative anticancer strategies.





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