



Dissecting the Contribution of the Tumor Microenvironment to Pancreatic Cancer

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Pancreatic ductal adenocarcinoma is a stroma-rich solid tumour arising from the exocrine compartment of the pancreatic gland. The proposed framework for the progression of the normal epithelium to pancreatic intraepithelial neoplasia (PanIN), which is a non-invasive neoplastic precursor to PDAC, is associated with a series of common histological and genetic alterations. Histological evaluation and staging remain the gold standard in defining the clinical characteristics of PDAC and are a strong prognostic factor. However, targetable drivers underlying phenotypic changes and tumour progression remain elusive.

The current Special Issue invites contributions aimed at exploring the complex bi-directional conversations that occur between cancer cells and their microenvironment. These studies will not only build up our fundamental understanding of the biology of this disease, but will also reveal new therapeutic opportunities that may lead to improved patient outcomes.





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