



Avoiding Immune Cell Destruction

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What are the parts of the immune system?

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Kind of immune cells



Blood Cells



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Cancer and immune cells





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immune cells respond to cancer cells



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Immune check point in cancer





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How does cancer evade the immune system?

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How cancer avoiding the immune cells?

- Downmodulation of tumor antigen presentation Many tumor cells downregulate MHC class I
 molecules to avoid detection by cytotoxic CD8+ T cells.
- Changes within the tumor microenvironment The tumor microenvironment can produce cytokines that skew macrophages from a tumor-eliminating M1 phenotype to a tumor-promoting M2 phenotype.
- 3. Tumors produce inhibitory molecules such as indolamine 2,3-dioxygenase (IDO) to alter tryptophan catabolism and inhibit T cell responses. Tumors secrete molecules involved in remodeling of the extracellular matris in the tumor microenvironment, making it difficult for immune cells to access the tumor.
- 4. Dysregulation of antigen presenting cells Dendritic cells within the tumor microenvironment often have low levels of proinflammatory cytokine production, costimulatory molecules and MHC class II expression.
- 5. Induction of T cell tolerance Immature DCs in the tumor microenvironment cannot fully activate T cells, and instead induce anergic T cells that are unable to eliminate the tumor.
- 6. Increased expression of co-inhibitory signals Tumors can increase expression of ligands for the inhibitory receptors, CTLA-4 and PD-1, which bind to B7-1/B7-2 or PD-L1/PD-L2. This decreases the amplitude of the antigen-specific T cell response.
- 7. Induction of regulatory T cells Tumors secrete cytokines such as TGF-beta that induce T regulatory (iTreg) cells which suppress antigen-specific T cells.

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Strategies of tumor immune escape from NK cell-dependent immunosurveillance.



NK cell recognition is mediated by a fine-tuned balance of activating and inhibitory signals

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indolamine 2,3-dioxygenase (IDO) inhibits T cells response



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Malignant cell



Necrotic & hypoxic cell





Myeloid cells

Lymphocytes

Dendritic cell

TAM

MDSC

T-cell

B-cell



CAF

Mesenchymal stem cell

Immune evasion Tumor escape Hypoxia/Acidosis Metabolic exchange Invasion/Metastasis Angiogenesis Tumor growth

Vascular endothelium

TUMOR MICROENVIRONMENT

The tumor microenvironment.

A schematic view of the tumor microenvironment components What are the types of immunotherapy?

• Immune checkpoints

- Tumor-specific T cells must discriminate between destruction of the tumor cell and survival of the target cell. Important for discrimination are proteins on both the T-cell and the target cell: CD8 is a T cell and the coreceptor for the T cell receptor (TCR).
- PD-L1 and PD-L2 (programmed cell death proteins) are transmembrane proteins that suppress the adaptive arm of the immune system. **PD-1** on the T-cell is activated by the cell surface ligands on the tumor cell. Upregulation of PD-L1 may allow cancers to evade the host immune system.
- TIM-3 is an inhibitory molecule that is induced following T cell activation. As a negative regulatory immune checkpoint,

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 <u>STING</u> (stimulator of interferon genes) is a key mediator of innate immunity, and involved in the induction of an anti-tumor immune response.

Key regulators of the STING pathway are:

<u>1. Interferon regulatory factors</u> (IRFs) comprise a family of transcription factors that function within the Jak/Stat pathway to regulate interferon (IFN) and IFN-inducible gene expression in response to viral infection

2. STING is a signaling molecule associated with the endoplasmic reticulum (ER) and is essential for controlling the transcription of numerous host defense genes (including type I interferons (IFNs) and pro-inflammatory cytokines) following the recognition of aberrant DNA species or cyclic dinucleotides in the cytosol of the cell. Sting can translocate out of the ER upon activation.

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Cancer treatments that use the immune system

Some cancer treatments use parts of the immune system to help treat cancer.

- Immunotherapy : Immunotherapy is a treatment for some types of cancer. It uses the immune system to find and kill cancer cells.
- monoclonal antibodies (MABs) which recognise and attack certain proteins on the surface of cancer cells
- vaccines to help the immune system to recognise and attack cancer
- Cytokines to help to boost the immune system
- CAR T-cell therapy (also called adoptive cell transfer) to change the genes in a person's white blood cells

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