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The Role of MicroRNAs, Long Non-coding RNAs and Circular RNAs in Cancer Metastasis and Cancer Therapy Resistance

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RNAs (ncRNAs), including Non-coding microRNAs (miRNAs), long non-coding RNAs (lncRNAs) and circular RNAs (circRNAs), make up most of the transcriptome and have been hot spots in recent years. MiRNAs are small endogenous non-coding RNAs that bind to complementary sequences in their target mRNAs to modulate the expression of target mRNAs. LncRNAs competitively sponge miRNAs as competing endogenous RNAs, indirectly controlling the effects of miRNAs on their target genes. LncRNAs can also mediate gene transcription by binding chromosomal DNA or recruiting transcription factors. CircRNAs interact with diverse molecules (including miRNAs) to regulate gene expression and cell function. Accumulating evidence indicates that miRNAs, lncRNAs and circRNAs play crucial roles in tumorigenesis, tumor development, metastasis and sensitivity to radiation, chemotherapy and targeted therapies. This Special Issue focuses on the novel roles of ncRNAs (including miRNAs. IncRNAs and circRNAs) in cancer metastasis and cancer therapy resistance.













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