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# Understanding the Role of the Microenvironment in the Progression of Tumors

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Dear Colleagues,

Tumor cells coexist and communicate with the rest of the cells present in the tissue where the tumor is generated. Stromal fibroblasts, the various cell types of the blood vessels, and the immune system cells also play an essential role in tumor progression. However, in addition to the cellular components of the tissues, other environmental factors are capable of altering the fragile balance of tumors (oxygen, extracellular matrix deposition, pH, interstitial pressure, etc.). All these previously mentioned factors (cellular and non-cellular) form what is known as the tumor microenvironment.













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