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The anti-tumour immune response generated by radiation therapy may be limited by tumour cell adaptive resistance and can be circumvented by PD-L1 blockade

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The Immunogenicity of Radiotherapy



Solid tumours generate an environment that suppresses anti-tumour immune responses



Ionizing radiation leads to increased tumour cell expression of PD-L1 *in vivo*



Ionizing radiation leads to increased tumour cell expression of PD-L1 in vivo which is dependent on CD8⁺ T cell production of IFNγ



Adaptive resistance hypothesis



Targeted blockade of PD-1/PD-L1 axis improves survival when combined with radiotherapy



Blockade of PD-1 or PD-L1 improves survival when combined with radiotherapy



4434 model Isolated from BRafV600E p16^{-/-} mice

4T1 model Triple negative breast adenocarcinoma

Complete responders following treatment with RT and α PD-1 / α PD-L1 mAb are protected by a memory immune response which prevents disease recurrence





CT26 model

Efficacy of RT / αPD-L1 mAb combination is CD8⁺ T cell dependent



Efficacy of RT and PD-L1 blockade is dependent on concurrent dosing



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Efficacy of RT and PD-L1 blockade is dependent on concurrent dosing





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- 5x2Gy RT
- ← 5x2Gy+ α PD-L1 mAb (day 1 of RT)
- **5x2Gy**+ α PD-L1 mAb (day 5 of RT)
- $5x2Gy+\alpha PD-L1 \text{ mAb} (7 \text{ days post})$

Summary

 Radiotherapy leads to upregulation of PD-L1 expression on cancer cells through CD8⁺ T cell-issued IFNγ.

This represents an adaptive resistance mechanism protecting tumour cells against immune -mediated killing.

Blockade of the PD1/PD-L1 axis can enhance the efficacy of radiotherapy.

The efficacy of radiotherapy may be enhanced through combination with immunotherapy.

Also: The efficacy of *immunotherapy* may be enhanced through combination with *radiotherapy*.



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