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The Role of Microglia and T Lymphocyte Interactions in Breast Cancer Brain Metastasis

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THESIS ABSTRACT

Macrophages in breast tumor-derived metastatic foci are heterogeneous cell populations that greatly contribute to tumor progression. As a result of factors secreted by tissue-resident macrophages and cell-cell interaction, differentiation or numerical increase in cancer-initiating cells is observed. Microglia have a direct or indirect effect on the formation of cancer-supporting cells by increasing the expression of co-inhibitory molecules and changing chemokine receptors. Different microglia cell lines and monocyte-derived macrophages modulate T cell responses through different co-stimulation molecules.

APPLICATION AREAS OF THE THESIS RESULTS

By determining the regulation of microglia-T cell interaction at the level of costimulator molecules in breast cancer brain metastasis, it is aimed to contribute to elucidating the role of the immune microenvironment in the metastastatic process to the brain and to create new perspectives on various immunotherapy studies.

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