

### Evaluation of the Tumor Microenvironment

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## The Complexity of The Tumor Microenvironment

The Tumor Microenvironment is a Complex Network of Tumor Cells, Immune Cells, Fibroblasts, Endothelium, etc...



# Elevated DC Gene Signature Predicts Increased Survival in multiple indications



Broz et al. Cancer Cell 2014



#### Tools at our disposal For TME Study

Multiparameter Flow Cytometry/Mass Cytometry:

- Ever increasing capacity for more parameters theoretically >50 with recent technological advances.
- Effectively captures population identity and heterogeneity however gives no indication of spatial context
- Potential for High-throughput analysis

Multiparameter Immunofluorescence

- Ever increasing capacity for more parameters
- incorporates spatial localization
- Labor intensive and challenging to perform in a high throughput fashion

Transcriptomic Analysis

- Vast amounts of quantifiable molecular characterization data
- Bulk Population analysis Can suggest but not define heterogeneity
- Single Cell analysis- incredible potential for defining heterogeneity but again relatively low throughput

Intravital Microscopy

- Low potential for parallel analysis of multiple parameters
- Very low throughput
- The only method that gives insight into spatial and temporal context of TME interaction

### The DC-Macrophage Dichotomy Within the TME



## The Players



Engblom et al 2016

#### Function

TAM: Highly phagocytic – TME favors Macrophages with a "Wound Healing" phenotype

Dendritic Cells: Come in several flavors

CD103+ DC/CD8+ DC/XCR1+DC: Phagocytic function diminishes with maturity, Professional APC, Cross-presentation CD11b+ cDC: Postulated to be a primary source of CD4+ T cell activation moDC: GM-CSF induced, function in TME largely unknown

# Primary Tumors in Mice and Human Are Infiltrated with a Combination of Macrophage and DC Populations

Murine – Breast Tumor Model (PyMT-ChOVA)



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### Tumor Macrophage and Dendritic Cell Populations within TME Represent Distinct Cell Lineages



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#### A Metastatic Interlude: Intravital Imaging of the Metastatic Lung



Headley et al. Nature 2016

Prospective Metastatic Cells Shed Micron-Scale Cytoplasmic Blebs Rapidly During Metastasis







Detection and Uptake Of Cytoplast By The Lung Myeloid Phagocytic System



#### Monocytes/Macrophages

B16 Melanoma

Contrasting The Global Lung Myeloid Response To The Tumor Loaded Response



#### Wave Structure of Myeloid Recruitment and Tumor Ingestion During Early Colonization



Qian et al. Nature 2010 – conventional monocytes and macrophages recruited to the metastatic niche within days of injection promote metastasis

Hanna et al. 2015 – Patrolling monocytes recruited to the metastatic niche within hours of injection oppose metastasis

Headley et al Nature 2016

The Function Of cDC in the TME



Macrophage/Macrophage Dendritic Cells Antigen Specific CD8+ T cell

# CD103+ DC migrate to LN bearing Tumor Antigen and Engage CD8 T cells

Primary Tumor DLN



Roberts et al. Cancer Cell 2016



Headley et al Nature 2016



#### Conventional DC but Not TAMs Support Activation of CD8+ T cells

Conventional Dendritic Cells Restrict Primary and Metastatic Tumor Growth



## Conclusions

Analysis of the Cells of the Tumor Microenvironment can yield critical knowledge into both the varied functions of these distinct populations as well as prognostic insight into human disease.

In both primary and metastatic tumors conventional DC (likely CD103+) set an equilibrium with macrophages restricting overall tumor success.

These DC in contrast to Macrophages support CD8 T cell activation

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