

Tumor heterogeneity driven by sharing genetic and signaling code between microbiota and breast carcinoma

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There are emerging views to substantiate the innumerable population of microbiota making their choice of residence within human body parts including intestine and mammary gland tissue. In a focussed way, possibly the presence of microbes in mammary gland could be explained by the entry of microbes from the skin. There are possibility of presence of proteobacteria including taxa such as Bacillus, Acinetobacter, Pseudomonas, Staphylococcus and Propionibacterium. It is true that presence of these microbes can impact the normal and tumor mammary gland tissue. In other way, the role of these microbes may be extended to possibility that discernible presence of intra-tumoral heterogeneity in breast tumor could be driven one of potential routes through microbes and cellular communities including cancer cell, immune cells and stromal cells. In view of plethora of microbiota and tumor cellular components interactions, first elucidation may come from the study of molecular signaling crosstalk between microbes and tumor cell. Possibly, molecular signaling crosstalk needs to be focussed at the level of metabolites secretion and sharing between microbes and tumor cells. Therefore, metabolome of tumor tissue needs to be highlighted with reference to microbes and tumor tissue niches. Another possible communication between microbes and tumor cell could be possible through the transfer of genetic materials between in the form of extra-chromosomal circular DNA like plasmid and small non-coding RNAs. In this era of science, there are evidence of natural transfer of extra-chromosomal circular

DNA and small RNAs may be possible through natural genetic material exchange process among prokaryotes and eukaryotes. Hence, one potential question emerges that whether transfer of microbe origin plasmid with a potential of drug resistance gene can be transferred to cancer cells within the tumor niches. These plasmid genetic materials with drug resistance may be able to confer the reinforcing capability to the heterogeneous nature of tumor cellular communities for better growth, survival and drug resistance. Currently, we are investigating the contribution of microbiota mediated plasmid transfer to push tumor heterogeneity. To achieve this goal, we use next generation sequencing, metabolomic profiling and molecular techniques. Therefore, this paper highlight the need for scientific attempt to address the interplay of microbes and tumor heterogeneity. Also precisely unravel the contribution of transfer of drug resistance plasmid from microbes to tumor cell by generating drug resistant and robust heterogeneous population with their niches.

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