

Intercellular communication between glioma and innate immune cells

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- 1. Fluorescent membrane labeling combined with multiphoton microscopy enables to track and visualize the uptake glioma-derived extracellular vesicles by surrounding myeloid cells (including microglia) *in vivo* (this thesis).
- 2. Functional transfer of extracellular miR-21 from glioma to microglia *in vivo* results in a reduction of miR-21 target mRNA levels (this thesis).
- 3. Microglia are important regulators of glioma progression (this thesis)
- 4. The microglial sensome plays an important role in the progression of neuro-oncological and neurodegenerative diseases (this thesis).
- 5. Developing combinational therapies targeting both tumor cells and the microenvironment will be crucial in reducing tumor burden in GBM patients.
- 6. Characterization of myeloid cells entering the tumor microenvironment is important to identify druggable targets.
- 7. The heterogeneous nature and subsequent inconsistency in nomenclature of extracellular vesicles hinders the progression of extracellular vesicle research.
- 8. New therapies should focus on reverting the tumor-promoting phenotype of myeloid cells in the glioma microenvironment into a tumor-suppressing phenotype.
- 9. In order to value large scale multivariate (single) cell characterizations, a follow-up needs to be performed to test newly identified druggable pathways and cell populations.
- 10. Creating a culture and atmosphere that enables and promotes collaborations should be one of the twelve commandments in science.
- 11. Providing easily accessible experimental data furthers sciences.
- 12. Embrace the opportunities to broaden your horizon by interacting with different cultures and customs.