OVERVIEW

The Cancer Immunity lab studies myeloid cells in the different tumour microenvironments. By focusing on the remarkable heterogeneity of these cells in a tissue-based manner, we aim to uncover their functional roles in shaping T cell responses.

First, we focus on how myeloid training can impact long-term anti-tumour responses. Next, we study how resident macrophages in the lung and in the ovary shape tumour-associated fibroblasts and metabolic responses, respectively. Lastly, we analyse how circadian biology impacts the initiation, progression and unresponsiveness to current therapies in lung cancer.

“Our laboratory is dissecting novel modulators of tumour immunity by analysing the crosstalk of myeloid cells with the stroma and other physiological cues, such as time-dependency of immune responses and diet-modulatory effects on suppressive and malignant haematopoiesis in solid tumours.”

HIGHLIGHTS

During 2022, we consolidated our laboratory and achieved competitive national and international funding. We also hosted and trained 2 bioinformaticians, 2 medical doctors and 3 undergraduate students.

In 2023, we aim to expand our team and to continue to fight for cancer cures using innovative myeloid targeting.


AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

XXV Becas FERO 2022 in Translational Oncology Research, FERO Foundation for Oncology Research, Spain.

Education Committee Member, AACR Annual Meeting 2023.