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DNA methylation in the tumor microenvironment

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Research Summary

This review mainly focus on the crosstalk between tumor cells and tumor-associated stromal components. DNA methylation is involved in the activation of stromal cells, and the methylation of certain genes contributes to the procancerous activity of stromal cells.

Innovation points

- **Introduction** of tumor-induced epigenetic regulations.
- **Summary** of the most updated research progress about how DNA methylation affects tumorigenesis through regulating tumor-associated stromal components including fibroblasts and immune cells.
- **Evaluate** the potential for targeting DNA-methylation for the treatment of cancers.

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