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Her research activity is focused on the study of: i) the combination therapeutic strategies employing traditional chemotherapy and immunotherapy in the treatment of tumors; ii) the identification of the mechanisms underlying the exhaustion of antitumor T lymphocytes and T-cell subpopulations that may benefit from immunotherapy with "checkpoint inhibitors"; iii) the mechanisms underlying senescence of the immune system and the therapeutic strategies aimed at counteracting this phenomenon.

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PRESENTATION TITLE: Drug-induced Xenogenization: new frontiers in cancer chemoimmunotherapy