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Message from the Guest Editor

Radiotherapy (RT) is one of the most common and effective treatment strategies for cancer, which is effective for not only localized but also metastasis tumors. During RT, exposure of cells to ionizing radiation (IR) induces DNA double-strand breaks (DSBs), which are a major cause for lethal damage to the DNA of cancer cells, as well as being responsible for the induction of side effects. The risks posed by DSBs to the genome of higher eukaryotes are mitigated by a network of signaling pathways collectively termed the DNA damage response (DDR). DDR detects DSBs and coordinates a wide spectrum of cellular responses, including checkpoint activation and DSB repair. DDR signaling factors targeting to develop strategies for the better targeting of tumors, while the protection of normal tissues has become a subject of intensive research, such as the utilization and characterization of new radiation modality, the development and investigation of novel inhibitors of individual DSB repair pathways, etc. We, therefore, invite authors to submit original and review articles on these topics.

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