



## Growth Factors in Thoracic Cancers

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Dear Colleagues,

Growth factors are indispensable signaling molecules for cell communication. On the one hand, specific growth factors have become important therapeutic targets and relevant biomarkers in clinical applications. On the other hand, new roles of already well-known growth factors or hitherto less explored growth factors are constantly being discovered. This Special Issue welcomes work on all aspects of growth factors in thoracic cancers including lung cancer, esophageal cancer, malignant pleural mesothelioma, and thymic malignancies. In all of these cancers, growth factors fundamentally contribute to tumorigenesis not only via cell-autonomous functions but also via the tumor microenvironment. Nevertheless, many aspects of growth factor biology in these cancers and of their application for the benefit of patients still remain to be elucidated. We invite original research papers in the thoracic cancer field addressing growth factor functions, regulation of their expression and secretion, advances in analysis methods, and novel uses as biomarkers and/or therapy targets. Expert reviews discussing any of the above topics are also highly welcome.





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