



Hepatocellular Carcinoma

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Message from the Guest Editor

As we know, hepatocellular carcinoma (HCC) is the most common liver cancer with high morbidity and mortality worldwide. It is the fifth most common cause of cancer in men and the seventh in women. The most important causes of HCC are viral hepatitis B and hepatitis C, so their distributions are correlated.

Liver resection, orthotopic liver transplantation, and local treatments are curative options for patients with early and intermediate HCC.

Tyrosine kinase inhibitors are currently considered the standard of care for advanced or intermediate HCC patients' refractory to locoregional therapy. In recent years, immunotherapy has also been showing promising results in this setting, although recent trials have failed to confirm preliminary results.

Nonetheless, not all patients seem to benefit from these treatments and are thus exposed to unnecessary toxicities without deriving any clinical benefit or survival improvement.

In this scenario, we urgently need clinical and/or biological markers which are able to identify responding patients as well as new treatment options.





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