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Metastatic Melanoma: From Gene Profiling to Targeted Therapy

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Dear Colleagues,

The development and progression of melanoma is a consequence of an uncontrolled cell growth due to a combination of genetic alterations that lead to neoplastic transformation and the escape from inhibitory signals. In addition to the genetic alterations of tumor cells that lead to cell proliferation, a regulatory role has been attributed to the tumor microenvironment (TME), which in turn is regulated by the gene profile. The TME interacts with the host's immune system and plays important roles in tumor progression, immune escape, and metastasis.<false,>The progressive understanding of melanoma molecular pathways and TME regulation has enabled development of successful targeted therapies and immunotherapies for unresectable stage III and IV melanoma. An increased understanding of the role of genes and proteins in key signaling pathways in melanoma progression is needed for more effective treatments.

This Special Issue will highlight the role of genetic alterations in melanoma cells and TME regulation, covering both basic and translational aspects that advance our understanding in order to find therapies for melanoma.













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