



Pathogenesis, Detection and Spread of Squamous Cell Carcinoma in the Alimentary Tract

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Squamous cell carcinomas of the alimentary tract (head and neck; esophagus; anal canal) are aggressive malignancies with poor prognosis. A better understanding of the mechanisms of carcinogenesis can identify areas of preventive interventions. Head and neck squamous cell carcinoma and esophageal squamous cell carcinoma are associated with elevated mutational load but lacks specific genetic mutations, while anal cancer is very often associated with human papillomavirus.

In this Special Issue of *Cancers*, we invite systematic reviews to address such challenges for squamous cell carcinomas of the alimentary tract. Topics will include but are not limited to pathogenesis of these cancers; mechanisms of carcinogenesis; immunosurveillance; detection strategies; role of biomarkers; tumor spreading; identification of novel therapeutic targets. This Special Issue aims to highlight the current state in pathogenesis, detection and spread of squamous cell carcinomas of the alimentary tract, and to identify gaps of knowledge.





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