



From Progression to Metastasis of Solid Cancer

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Message from the Guest Editors

Dear colleagues,

Tumor growth is driven by oncogenic and epigenetic alterations that select for aggressive clones through Darwinian competition in conjunction with the surrounding ecosystem, particularly the tumor immune microenvironment (TIME). While some clones dominate the primary lesion, others may sprout DTCs, and should be preferentially targeted for therapy. The biology of DTCs, their metabolism, dormancy, plasticity (epithelial–mesenchymal and mesenchymal–epithelial transitions as well as stemness) and competence to re-enter the cell cycle at distal sites are critical for metastasis. They also impact drug resistance and relapse.

This special issue of *Cancers* invites original studies that expose novel mechanisms of solid cancer progression and metastasis, with an eye on novel therapeutic targeting. In particular, we welcome articles that analyze oncogenic processes that promote tumor invasion, dissemination, tumor–TIME interactions, DTCs, and the response to therapy in the primary, invasive front, hematogenous, and metastatic niches using clinical data and preclinical animal models.





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