



Thymic Carcinoma

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Message from the Guest Editor

Dear Colleagues,

Thymic epithelial tumors, which are generally classified as thymomas and thymic carcinomas, are uncommon neoplasms presenting in less than 2.0% of all malignancies. In particular, thymic carcinoma is a rare neoplasm with a dismal outcome and no available therapeutic agents for its advanced form. Therefore, the identification of new targets that can serve as predictive and prognostic markers for the development of an optimal treatment plan is essential. To treat thymic cancer, surgery, radiotherapy and chemotherapy are chosen according to its expansion. Surgical resection is absolutely suitable for early disease, but it is hard to cure the patients with advanced disease by systemic chemotherapy or radiotherapy. Meanwhile, it is of critical importance to develop predictive biomarkers (e.g., PET as an indicator of metabolic activity) and different kinds of pathologic markers. Molecular imaging techniques have been under recent development in oncology. An optimal approach realizes the improvement of curative treatment of thymic carcinoma. The scope of this Special Issue includes the therapeutic significance of new modalities, molecular imaging and optimal biomarkers.





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