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Regional Hyperthermia as Treatment of Solid Tumors

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Message from the Guest Editors

Hyperthermia (HT) corresponds to the increase in temperature of several degrees in human or animal organ tissue with the goal of achieving an antitumoral effect. HT has multiple anti-cancer mechanisms, including the inhibition of DNA-damage repair, changes in perfusion, re-oxygenation with hypoxia reduction and anti-angiogenetic effects, the induction of heat-shock proteins, and immunological stimulation.

In the last several decades, HT has been identified as the fourth pillar of anticancer treatment, alone or in combination with surgery, radiotherapy, and/or chemotherapy/immunotherapy. The HT technique works through different types of medical devices. With special reference to external loco-regional HT, this includes: capacitive HT, radiative HT, and hyperthermic intraperitoneal chemotherapy and hyperthermic isolated limb perfusion.

In this Special Issue, we would like to focus attention on clinical outcomes deriving from HT alone and in combination with standard treatment regimens in several cancers, underlining biological anti-cancer mechanisms













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