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## Recent Advances in the Field of Metastatic Melanoma

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### **Message from the Guest Editor**

Cutaneous melanoma represents one of the most aggressive and difficult to treat forms of human cancer, with a worldwide incidence that has steadily increased over the past half a century. Although the majority of melanomas are successfully treated with surgical excision, most patients with metastatic melanoma do not benefit from surgery due to metastasis. Despite more therapeutic advances, metastatic melanoma still has poor long-term outcomes. Targeted therapies such as BRAF and MEK inhibitors have dramatically improved the prognosis of patients with metastatic melanoma bearing specific gene alterations. However, acquired resistance rapidly develops, hindering its durable efficacy. In recent years, immunotherapy has demonstrated a durable response in half of the patients with metastatic melanoma. At the same time, half of these patients experience side effects with severe autoimmune adverse events. Therefore, uncovering metastatic melanoma characteristics and new therapeutic strategies is critical for fighting the deadliest metastatic melanoma diseases.



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