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In recent years, substantial progress has been made in studying the role of microRNAs (miRNAs) in the pathogenesis of diseases. miRNAs are relevant components of the cellular epigenetic machinery that act as specific gene silencers by base pairing to a target mRNA. miRNAs have emerged as body homeostasis peacekeepers, playing critical roles in the pathology of a variety of disorders, including cancer.

The diagnosis and prognostic potential of miRNAs as non-invasive biomarkers has been advised either as individual biomarkers or in combination. Inconsistencies found between different studies could be explained, at least in part, by differences in extraction and identification procedures, experimental setup, and data processing, thus pointing to the importance of developing well-standardized protocols and operative guidelines.

In this context, all kinds of studies related to miRNAs as biomarkers are of interest to this Special Issue.



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