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Bone and Soft Tissue Sarcomas: A "Big" Family of "Rare" Tumors. A Multidisciplinary Targeted Approach and Emerging Topics

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Message from the Guest Editors

Soft tissue and bone sarcomas are rare malignant tumors globally accounting for less than 1% of all new cancers diagnoses (<0.2% for bone sarcomas) and with an incidence of less than 6 cases/100.000 inhabitants/year (≤0.3 cases/100.000/year for bone sarcomas). The problem of the rarity is moreover worsened by fragmentation in over 80 different histological subtypes that often correspond to a different biological behavior and eventually in a different chance of response to chemotherapeutic agents as well as to target therapy and immunotherapy, as shown in recent trials. Sarcomas can affect all the ages of life from childhood to old age and are virtually ubiquitous, often representing a real challenge for surgeons. Management of these patients in reference centers with high level of expertise and within reference networks allowing participation in translational clinical trials is the key to improve the prognosis of these rare tumors.

The aim of this special issue is to underline the value of a multidisciplinary targeted approach and give an overview on emerging topics in specific histotypes.

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