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# Diagnostic and Therapeutic Approach to Pancreatic Cancer

## Message from the Guest Editor

Recently, immunotherapies, such as checkpoint inhibitors (CTLA-4, PDL1) have been investigated (either alone or combined with chemotherapy) for the treatment of PC; however, most have proven to be less effective. Another emerging area for PC treatment includes the targeting of tumor microenvironment. Given that PC consists of dense stroma and the PC microenvironment is highly immunosuppressive, molecules or mechanisms that are involved with PC microenvironment are, thus, under active investigation. Beyond these, DNA damage repair proteins (PARP) inhibitors have also been examined for their potential to treat PC. Another obstacle in the field of PC is the lack of methods for early detection of pancreatic tumors. Recent studies have focused on identifying biomarkers: however, no biomarkers have yet entered clinical trials. The process of understanding the early detection and management of PC is dependent on knowledge of the basic tumor biology as well as determining the disease course (such as risk factors, treatment response, and disease progression) at a population level.

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