



## Hippo Pathway in Cancer, towards Realization of the Hippo-Targeted Therapy

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### Message from the Guest Editor

Dear Colleagues,

The Hippo pathway is the newest and possibly be the last addition to signalling pathways, which have ever been growing. We know now that the fundamental role of the pathway is the negative regulation of two transcription regulators, YAP1 and TAZ. YAP1/TAZ co-operate with TEAD and other transcription factors to regulate cell proliferation and differentiation.

Human cancers are frequently associated with deregulation of the Hippo pathway. The consequent hyperactivation of YAP1/TAZ and TEAD induces epithelial-mesenchymal transition and enhances drug resistance. Accordingly, the incidence of metastasis and recurrence is increased. It is reasonable to assume that inhibition of YAP1/TAZ and TEAD improves prognosis in cancer patients. This Special Issue will highlight a part of the efforts of researchers towards the realization of Hippo-targeted therapy and provide a forum for brainstorming.

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