



Photodynamic Cancer Therapy

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Message from the Guest Editor

Dear Colleagues,

Photodynamic therapy (PDT) for cancer came to prominence in 1978, in a landmark publication by Tom Dougherty regarding the use of Photofrin. Since then, hundreds of papers have presented the structures of different novel photosensitizers that could be used for anti-cancer PDT. Many investigators have dissected the signaling pathways and gene expression patterns that lead to cell death or cell survival after PDT. Nanotechnology is playing an increasingly major role in modern PDT research. Animal models allow testing of new PDT protocols, and, in the case of immunocompetent animals, also allow investigation of the anti-tumor immune response that often occurs after PDT. Clinical trials of PDT for cancer continue to be conducted and new regulatory approvals are eagerly awaited.

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