Special Issue

The Genetics of Head and Neck Squamous Cell Carcinoma

Message from the Guest Editor

This Special Issue aims to explore the latest advancements in understanding the genetic landscape of HNSCC, highlighting innovations in genomic profiling, biomarker discovery, and precision oncology approaches. We welcome submissions of original research articles, reviews, and short communications addressing key genetic insights into HNSCC development, progression, and treatment resistance. Topics may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Genomic and transcriptomic profiling of HNSCC subtypes;
- Somatic mutations and their clinical significance;
- Epigenetic regulation and chromatin remodeling in HNSCC:
- Biomarker discovery for diagnosis, prognosis, and therapy response;
- Genetic drivers of treatment resistance:
- The role of the tumor microenvironment in genetic alterations;
- Precision medicine approaches targeting genetic vulnerabilities;
- Comparative genetics between HPV-positive and HPV-negative HNSCC;
- Liquid biopsy and circulating tumor DNA for genetic monitoring.

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