

Special Issue

Cancer Stem Cells: The Origin of Tumor Relapse and Metastasis

Message from the Guest Editors

We are pleased to invite esteemed cancer researchers and physicians to contribute their expertise and insights to our upcoming collection of manuscripts, titled "Cancer Stem Cells: The Origin of Tumor Relapse and Metastasis". The themes of this Special Issue are of paramount importance, as cancer stem cells not only drive tumor initiation and therapy resistance but also play a fundamental role in metastatic dissemination. Their unique ability to self-renew and adapt to microenvironmental cues fuels tumor heterogeneity and enables the invasion of distant organs. Furthermore, the tumor microenvironment—comprising stromal support, immune modulation, and extracellular matrix remodeling—creates a permissive niche that fosters metastatic outgrowth. We invite submissions in the form of both original research and comprehensive review articles covering a wide range of topics, including (but not limited to) tumor biology, metastasis, cancer stem cell signaling, tumor heterogeneity, plasticity, immune evasion, and therapeutic resistance.

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