Special Issue

Lynch Syndrome (HNPCC): Symptoms, Causes, and Outlooks

Message from the Guest Editor

Lynch syndrome (LS) is an autosomal dominant genetic disorder associated with germline mutations in DNA mismatch repair (MMR) genes. Carriers of pathogenic variants in these genes are at increased risk of developing colorectal cancer and/or LS-associated cancer. The loss of the MMR complex determines, at the somatic level (colorectal cancer), a condition defined as microsatellite instability (MSI) or mismatch repair deficiency (dMMR). Unfortunately, not all colorectal cancers with MSI or dMMR have pathogenic germline mutations in the MMR genes. This condition also often occurs in families with a strong predisposition to the development of tumors; therefore, the identification of genetic predisposition as a cause of cancer becomes very important for the preventive management of these families. This Special Issue will highlight all of these aspects of Lynch syndrome in order to advance our knowledge on the best path forward for the management of patients with Lynch syndrome. In this Special Issue, original research articles and reviews are welcome.

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