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Improving Surgical Care for Patients with Hepatobiliary and Pancreatic Cancers

Message from the Guest Editors

Cancers of the hepatic, pancreatic and biliary (HPB) system are associated with poor prognosis, with the majority of cases presenting at an advanced stage, rendering them unsuitable for potentially curative surgical resection. For the proportion of patients who have localized disease amenable to resection, surgery is normally a major under-taking, carrying a moderate risk of short- and medium-term morbidity. This is especially problematic, given that many patients who undergo this major surgery experience the problem of early disease recurrence. There is there-fore a great need for enhancement of patient selection for these procedures, development of alternative treatment strategies for patients at high risk of early disease recurrence, and also a review of peri- and intra-operative strategies to enhance recovery from major HPB surgery. This special edition will address the discovery of prognostic biomarkers in HPB cancer, biomarker-driven treatment strategies for HPB cancer, and the relationship between short-term and oncological outcomes after major HPB surgery.

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