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Gastrointestinal and Its Associated Malignancies: Diagnosis, Targets and Therapies

Message from the Guest Editors

Gastrointestinal cancers constitute a heterogeneous and aggressive group of malignancies characterized by high relapse rates. They are ranked as the third-leading cause of cancer-related deaths, and this emphasizes the pressing need for advancements in both their diagnosis and treatment strategies. Unfortunately, a significant number of patients face late-stage diagnoses due to the unremarkable nature of early symptoms and the limited prevalence of regular screenings. Diagnostic procedures include a range of techniques such as endoscopy, barium swallow, CT, NMR, PET/CT scans, and biomarker testing, as well as MRI with gadolinium and laparoscopy. This delayed identification, coupled with the constraints of available therapies, contributes to a grim prognosis, especially for individuals with advanced gastric cancer, resulting in a short lifespan of approximately one year. Standard treatment modalities involve radiotherapy, chemotherapy, and targeted therapy, yet their effectiveness is impeded by challenges like multi-drug resistance and tumor relapse.

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