# Special Issue

# Insulin-Like Growth Factors and Their Receptors on the Road to Personalized Medicine in Cancer: Fact or Fiction?

## Message from the Guest Editor

Currently it is well established that IGF-1R is crucial in many physiological processes like growth, differentiation and aging, as well as it being an important player in disease development. IGF-1R is commonly expressed in human cancers and many cell lines are mitogenically responsive to physiological concentrations of IGFs. IGF-1R is classified as a RTK and accordingly tyrosine phosphorylation was considered to be the central process governing IGF-1R signalling As such, most anti-IGF-1r strategies are designed to prevent kinase activation. The clinical success of nearly all tyrosine-kinase inhibitors is predicted by the presence of activating mutations or substantial receptor overexpression, but neither is the case with IGF-1R. IGF-1R does not show intrinsic receptor abnormalities, therefore other pathways and quantitative changes are being assessed. This Special Issue of Cells will follow the development of our understanding of the IGF-1R biology, the contradictions to the classical IGF-1R paradigms as well as the design of anti-IGF-1R therapeutics with a particular focus on those relating to cancer.

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