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Oral Cancer and Oral Potentially Malignant Disorders: Evidence and Advances

Message from the Guest Editor

Oral cancer is a growing worldwide public health problem, with 354,864 new cases and a 5-year survival rate of 50-60%, responsible for 177,384 deaths a year. Although the oral cavity is easily accessible for clinical examinations, oral cancer is frequently diagnosed at late stage, with poor prognosis and a lower quality of life for patients. Tobacco, alcohol and HPV infection are currently considered the most important risk factors, nevertheless emergent environmental factors (e.g., diet) could also play a role in its etiopathogenesis. Oral cancer is often preceded by oral potentially malignant disorders, including a group of mucosal lesions and conditions (such as leukoplakia, erythroplakia, lichen planus or oral submucous fibrosis) whose malignant transformation risk is currently unpredictable. The aim of this Special Issue is to contribute to the dissemination of basic, translational or clinical research through high quality original papers and reviews, relating to the epidemiology, etiopathogenesis, prevention, diagnosis, clinical features, prognosis, therapy and/or management of oral cancer/oral potentially malignant disorders.

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