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Pathogenesis and Therapy of Oral Carcinogenesis

Message from the Guest Editors

Despite the development of diagnostic and therapeutic strategies in recent decades, oral squamous cell carcinoma (OSCC) has a high morbidity and mortality (less than 50%). Preventive oral screening for high-risk patients and the detection, monitoring and treatment of oral potentially malignant disorders (OPMD) such as oral leukoplakia (OL) and oral erythroplakia (OE) are essential for the prevention of OSCC. The shortcomings of histopathologic classification systems in predicting the malignant transformation of OPMD and the survival prognosis of patients with OSCC motivate us to explore the complex molecular pathways involved in the development of oral cavity cancer and its spread to regional lymph nodes and distant organs. In this Special Issue, we encourage the publication of research and review articles addressing the various molecular mechanisms involved in the different steps of oral carcinogenesis that could serve as diagnostic biomarkers and therapeutic targets.

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