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FLASH Radiotherapy: From Benchwork to a New Paradigm-Shifting Radiotherapy

Message from the Guest Editors

Among technological advances in the field of radiation oncology, FLASH radiotherapy, with a single, ultra-high dose rate > 40 Gy/sec, intrigued researchers by sparing normal tissues from radiation-induced toxicities while being equipotently efficient in tumor growth delay compared to conventional radiotherapy. FLASH radiotherapy rapidly evolved as a very promising radiotherapeutic candidate for clinical translation thanks to a wealth of studies worldwide, with the first patient being treated in 2018 and the first clinical trial being launched in 2020. Nevertheless, the crucial question regarding its underlying mechanisms responsible for the differential responses between tumors and normal tissues remains unanswered. This Special Issue of IJMS aims to provide a comprehensive overview of the FLASH radiotherapy studies, using all current irradiation systems along with prototypes, and will focus on the mechanistic aspects of the so-called "FLASH effect" and the differential responses between healthy and tumor tissues.

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