

Special Issue

PSMA in Prostate Cancer

Message from the Guest Editor

Prostate Cancer has the second highest mortality for men in Western Societies. Prostate Specific Membrane Antigen (PSMA) is a glycoprotein that is highly expressed in plasma membrane of prostate cancer especially in the most aggressive forms for prostate cancer. In the recent decade PSMA PET/CT has become widely used in diagnostics of patients with metastatic castration-resistant prostate cancer (mCRPC). PSMA PET/CT has a high detection rate even for patients with low values of prostate specific antigen (PSA). Staging with PSMA PET/CT change planned treatment for more than a quarter of the patients. Radioligands can bind to the extracellular part of PSMA. Thereby the radioligand is absorbed into the cancer cells and damage the DNA of the cells. PSMA radioligand therapy is a safe and effective treatment of patients with mCRPC as documented in preliminary results of a randomized trial, TheraP. This issue up-to-date information on the use of PSMA for diagnostics and treatment of patients with prostate cancer. The issue serves as a very useful resource tool for patients, physicians, and researchers dealing with the challenge of mCRPC.

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