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Neuroendocrine Tumors: Challenges and Future Perspectives (Second Edition)

Message from the Guest Editors

Neuroendocrine tumors (NETs) are a family of neoplasms of increasing incidence and prevalence worldwide. Their heterogeneity in terms of biological aggressiveness, variegated site of origin and capability to potentially produce hormonally active substances poses unique challenges for clinical management. NETs are characterized by the peculiar and frequent expression on the cell surfaces of somatostatin receptors, which represents the ideal target for therapy (i.e., somatostatin analogues (SSAs) and peptide–receptor radionuclide therapy (PRRT)). Few chemotherapy schemes are currently part of the therapeutic armamentarium. However, regardless of the huge number of clinical trials and many promising new drugs, the only approved targeted agents for advanced progressive NETs are everolimus and sunitinib (the second one only for those of pancreatic origin). Additionally, despite great efforts in the search for innovative biomarkers, only few validated biomarkers are available thus far. Following the success of the first volume of the Special Issue, a second volume is announced here with the aim to highlight recent advances in NETs.

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