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Malignant Pleural Mesothelioma: Current Challenges and Future Perspectives

Message from the Guest Editors

Malignant pleural mesothelioma (MPM) is an aggressive neoplasm that develops in the mesothelial cell layer of the pleura. Exposure to asbestos is a well-known cause of MPM. The global incidence of MPM has continuously risen along with widespread industrial use of asbestos. Recent reports have demonstrated that mesothelioma patients with familial aggregation are associated with BAP1 mutation. Recent progress in basic research and clinical practice has demonstrated some crucial evidence relating to molecular pathogenesis and perspectives on potential therapeutic approaches leading to promising treatment. This issue is designed to provide a state-of-the-art overview of recent scientific research on mesothelioma, including pathogenesis, diagnosis, and management of MPM. This Issue will identify the unmet needs in the diagnosis and management of MPM based on a combination of original research and review papers. Topics will include:

- The pathogenesis of MPM;
- The challenge in the diagnosis of MPM;
- The role of surgery in the treatment of MPM;
- The paradigm shift of systemic therapy of MPM;
- Supportive care in MPM.

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