Special Issue

Treatment and Prevention Strategies for Skin Cancer

Message from the Guest Editors

Skin cancer is the most common malignancy worldwide. There were over 77,000 new cases of melanoma diagnosed in the United States from 2012 to 2016. Nonmelanoma skin cancer (NSMC) is even more prevalent, with estimates of over 5.4 million new cases and over 3.3 million people treated in 2012. The rising incidence is attributed to aging population trends, increased cumulative UV exposure over lifetime, and immunosenescence. It is a public health concern as it is the fifth most costly cancer to treat. As we approach a greater understanding of its pathophysiology, a number of new therapies have emerged, including targeted treatments and immunotherapy. However, the prevention of skin cancer remains imperative, our current understanding being that the environmentally driven UV component of sunlight is the major risk factor. In this Special Issue, we hope to elucidate new treatment and prevention strategies for skin cancer.

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