



Current Epidemiologic, Diagnostic, and Therapeutic Aspects of Cholangiocarcinoma (CCA)

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Message from the Guest Editors

Cholangiocarcinoma (CCA) comprises a variety of heterogeneous biliary malignancies, which arises at some point of the bile duct system. CCA is associated with a globally increasing incidence, accounting for about 15% of all primary liver cancers. Due to its silent presentation of CCA in combination with the highly aggressive tumor nature and refractoriness to chemotherapy, patients are confronted with an alarmingly high mortality rate. Although the recently presented positive results on the use of checkpoint inhibitors herald a new era of palliative systemic therapy for CCA, it is currently still responsible for about 2% of all cancer-related deaths globally. New insights into epidemiological, diagnostic and therapeutic aspects, which are the focus of the current special issue, can contribute significantly to improve the care of CCA patients worldwide in order to reduce the high morbidity and mortality in the future.

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