

Special Issue on
**Gastrointestinal Oncology: The Burden, the Perspectives,
and the Challenges of the Response**

CALL FOR PAPERS

Over the last few years, considerable progress has been made in improving survival and quality of life of locally advanced and metastatic colorectal cancer patients.

Specifically, the use of neoadjuvant chemoradiation schemes, of biological drugs, and of tailored and organ-sparing surgical resections (using laparoscopy and robotic surgery) has been integrated; thus (in accordance with international standards) clinical management is usually discussed during multidisciplinary meetings involving different researchers and physicians.

On the same extent, extensive translational researches have been conducted in order to investigate new prognostic factors for predicting the outcome and assessing the response to neoadjuvant treatments.

However, despite the efforts and the progresses made to date, several questions remain open including the optimal assessment of response to neoadjuvant treatment (both radiological and pathological), the management of complete responders, the use of adjuvant therapy following neoadjuvant treatments, and the timing of the metastatic disease.

Future approaches will require models able to manage multiple information sources where results of the clinical, radiological, pathological, and molecular tests are integrated aiming to a standard and evidence-based management. We invite investigators to submit original research articles and reviews to this special issue.

Potential topics include but are not limited to the following:

- ▶ Assessment of response following neoadjuvant therapy in colorectal cancers (including radiological, molecular, and pathological studies)
- ▶ Management of rectal cancers presenting with complete response
- ▶ The use of adjuvant therapy following neoadjuvant schemes in colorectal cancers
- ▶ Molecular models for predicting response to neoadjuvant therapy
- ▶ Timing and approaches to synchronous colorectal liver metastases
- ▶ Minimally invasive surgery following neoadjuvant schemes
- ▶ Therapeutic options for nonresponsive/progressive patients

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