

Special Issue on Multidisciplinary Approaches in Noninflammatory Locally Advanced Breast Cancer

Call for Papers

Breast cancer is a common cancer in women throughout the world. Since the use of screening mammography has become widespread, the incidence of locally advanced breast cancer (LABC) has decreased. Despite the effort for early detection of breast cancer, LABC remains an important public health problem due to the high rate of relapse and low rate of survival. Noninflammatory LABC (NI-LABC) constitutes about 10% of breast cancer and is associated with poor prognosis. Its optimal management should involve careful coordination of all multidisciplinary modalities, including systemic treatments, surgery, and radiation therapy. The combination of multimodal treatments, both locoregional and systemic, has resulted in improved survival. Adjuvant and neoadjuvant chemotherapy, endocrine therapy, and radiation therapy are increasingly being applied to improve the prognosis in NI-LABC. Tumor may be successfully downstaged with neoadjuvant chemotherapy allowing some patients to undergo breast conservation surgery.

In this special issue, we invite investigators to contribute original research articles as well as review articles discussing multidisciplinary approaches in NI-LABC. Potential topics include, but are not limited to:

- Molecular biology, epidemiology, and radiology of NI-LABC
- Treatment strategies including neoadjuvant chemotherapy, endocrine therapy, and radiation therapy
- Surgical principles, optimizing cosmetic, and improving survival for NI-LABC
- Prognostic factors and survival in NI-LABC

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