Highlights in focus issue on prostate cancer

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In September 2013, the Translational Andrology and Urology (TAU) launched a focus issue on “Prostate Cancer”, which was guest-edited by Dr. Jer-Tsong Hsieh and Dr. Ganesh Raj from University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas, USA.

In this focus issue, Dr. Raj and Dr. Hsieh invited an international expert panel of clinicians and basic scientists to outline current challenges of prostate cancer treatment and discuss every aspect of hormonal metabolism, receptor alteration and mechanism in prostate cancer to pave a way for developing better therapeutic strategy and prognostic tools. Also, a wide range of topics such as cancer metastasis, animal model, molecular imaging and targeted therapy of prostate cancer were included as well. Our distinguished contributors are from Tulane University School of Medicine, The Johns Hopkins School of Medicine, Northwestern University and so forth.

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Outline of the Focus Issue on “Prostate Cancer”

Preface

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Current clinical challenges in prostate cancer

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Androgen receptor gene mutation, rearrangement, polymorphism

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Decoding the androgen receptor splice variants

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Androgen receptor-mediated non-genomic regulation of prostate cancer cell proliferation

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Translating insights of AR signaling from mouse models

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- Steroid hormone synthetic pathways in prostate cancer
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- The role of microRNAs in prostate cancer progression
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- Cancer stem cells in prostate cancer
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