

## The Evolving Landscape of GI Tumors

In this issue of the *European Journal of Oncology* we have collected the main papers presented at the congress *Master-Class in Oncology*, held in Florence in March 2014.

The GI cancers are an heterogeneous group of neoplastic diseases with high morbidity and mortality.

Many aspects in this area of GI tumors are still controversial and subject to verification, for example the role of adjuvant treatment remains unclear in gastric carcinoma and in the stage two of colon cancer.

Molecular biology entered aggressively in oncological practice, allowing clinicians to better select patients, in particular to candidate them for innovative and expensive treatments as trastuzumab in Her-2 positive advanced gastric cancer and cetuximab or panitumumab in colorectal cancers all-ras wild-type.

In the last years, we have seen also a marked improvement in the diagnostic and therapeutic potential in neuroendocrine tumors. In pancreatic cancer interesting results were obtained in advanced disease with FOLFIRINOX and nab-paclitaxel. These treatments are very active and reopen the challenge to improve neoadjuvant and adjuvant strategies.

Recently, new drugs as regorafenib, aflibercept, nab-Paclitaxel, ramucirumab and S-1 have been introduced, and they have greatly increased the therapeutic range.

Italian Oncologists have contributed significantly to research through a number of papers published in prestigious international journals that have incremented our knowledges in GI field.

I hope that this issue of *EJO* also could open to a new renewal by which the journal will undergo upgrading to meet the challenge of medical science in the coming years.

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We hope to offer to oncologists who will be able to read these works an effective contribution to their updating.

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