

RESEARCH TOPIC CLI22 Advanced Radiation Therapy for Hepatocellular Carcinoma: From Stereotactic Body Radiation Therapy to Proton Beam for Personalized Treatment Strategies

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Abstract

Hepatocellular carcinoma (HCC) represents the most common primary liver cancer, constituting a significant global health burden. The complexity and heterogeneity of HCC necessitate a multidisciplinary approach. In recent years, modern radiation therapy (RT) techniques, such as Stereotactic Body Radiation Therapy (SBRT), have been recognized for its efficacy in treating HCC. SBRT, as an advanced ablative treatment modality, promises substantial benefits but still necessitates further research for optimal integration into the main HCC treatment strategy guidelines. Additionally, the potential of Proton Beam Therapy (PBT) is increasingly acknowledged, driven by its unique physical properties that align well with the requirements for liver irradiation.

This research aims to delineate the role of SBRT and PBT, within the context of a multidisciplinary approach to HCC treatment. It seeks to evaluate, through clinical and translational analysis, its effectiveness and safety, identify optimal utilization strategies, and explore the integration of these therapies into personalized treatment approaches, thereby contributing to improved patient outcomes.

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