

INSTRUCTIONS TO AUTHORS

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- Editorial: a column designed to express an opinion on a topical issue;
- **Bridging the Bench-Bed Gap**: to explain the progress of more fundamental knowledge in a field of science applied to treatment and/or diagnosis;
- **Established Innovations**: a section designed to provide an update on innovations with validated clinical applications (therapeutic and/or diagnostic);
- **Ongoing Innovations**: a section devoted to the latest published or presented trial results that could have an impact on practice in the near future;
- **Innovating Clinical Research**: section devoted to clinical cases involving treatment results in rare, uncodified situations that could lead to the development of further studies;
- **Innovation and Healthcare Organization**: news about the impact of innovations on the organizational and economic constraints of care, research and/or teaching.
- **Biotechs and Innovation**: a section to present the range of young biotech companies working in the field of cancer (new diagnostic tools, new therapeutic approaches, etc.).

Presentation of the articles

Language: Papers will normally be written in French. However, non-French speaking authors may submit their work in English. However, as the journal publishes a maximum of one or two articles in English per issue, priority will be given to reviews and original articles.

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