

It is my honor to be the editor of *Gastric Cancer Precision Medicine*. First of all, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to all authors and editors who devoted substantial efforts to publishing this book.

I have been engaging in precision medicine since last year when the Ministry of Science and Technology of the People's Republic of China issued the funding list of the Precision Medicine Key Research Project. For almost thirty years I have devoted myself to the diagnostic and therapeutic field of gastric cancer. Often is the case that patients with same stage of gastric cancer have different prognoses, which makes me realize the significance of precision therapy. We witnessed the evolution of the classification of gastric cancer, from microscopic morphology to the widely-used pathological TNM staging system. People have always been exploring the optimal therapeutic strategy for each subgroup of patients. What we can learn from the recently updated 8th edition of TNM staging manual for gastric cancer is that the traditional anatomical classification has constraint in further refining the classification of gastric cancer. The precision medicine, on the other hand, makes its way to emphasize the possibility of accurately sub-classifying the different statuses and processes of gastric cancer patients and identifying the therapeutic target by means of omics technology (e.g., genomics and proteomics) and other sophisticated techniques, and finally achieving precision medicine.

With the coordination of AME Publishing House, the present book invites worldwide experts from 16 countries, including the well-known professor Han-Kwang Yang from Korea and professor Seigo Kitano from Japan, to write this book. The content of this book is novel, covering biology, pathology, treatment and prognosis of gastric cancer, and discussing hot topics like minimally invasive gastric cancer, multidisciplinary team and immunotherapy.

Finally, I hope this book can benefit readers and inspire researchers.



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