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Biography

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Research Interests

- Pancreatic disorders and cancer
Recent Publications

- Complicated intra-abdominal infections worldwide: the definitive data of the CIAOW Study.
- Citrulline levels following proximal versus distal small bowel resection.
- WSES guidelines for the repair of complicated abdominal wall hernias
- Diagnosis of colon cancer differs in young versus old patients despite similar complaints
- WSES initiative on timing of acute care surgery classification (TACS)
Pancreatic Disorders

*Pancreatic pathologies are various and may include benign and malignant disorder. Some are treated medically but surgery of the pancreas although demanding may give good treatment results.

*Evaluation of the pancreas begins with anamnesis, physical examination, laboratory work.

*Imaging of the pancreas remains controversial but so far computerised tomography of the pancreas has the best sensitivity and specificity for detection of pancreatic lesions.

*Complementary imaging modalities include: Endoscopic retrograde pancreatic-cholangiography (ERCP), Endoscopic Ultrasound (EUS) and Magnetic Resonance (MRCP)
Altered insulin secretion
- \( \text{miR-29} \) \( \rightarrow \) MCT1
- \( \text{miR-9} \) \( \rightarrow \) OC2, SIRT1
- \( \text{miR-375} \) \( \rightarrow \) PDK1, MTPN

Impaired pancreas development
- \( \text{miR-124a} \) \( \rightarrow \) FOXO2, RAB27A
- \( \text{miR-34a} \) \( \rightarrow \) VAMP2?, BCL-2?

Insulin resistance?
- Liver
  - \( \text{miR-33} \) \( \rightarrow \) IRS2, SIRT6, AMPK\( \alpha1 \)
  - \( \text{miR-34a} \) \( \rightarrow \) SIRT1?
  - \( \text{miR-29} \) \( \rightarrow \) PIK3R1?
  - \( \text{miR-143} \) \( \rightarrow \) ORP8?

- Adipose tissue
  - \( \text{miR-103, miR-107} \) \( \rightarrow \) CAV1
  - \( \text{miR-29} \) \( \rightarrow \) CAV2?, INSIG1?

- Skeletal muscle
  - \( \text{miR-29} \) \( \rightarrow \) ?
  - \( \text{let-7} \) \( \rightarrow \) IGF1R, INSR, IRS2
  - \( \text{miR-223} \) \( \rightarrow \) GLUT4
Pancreatic Cancer

Pancreatic cancer often goes undetected and diagnosed in late stages. Symptoms depend on the location and size of the lesion.

Pancreatic malignancies are mostly adenocarcinoma while the remainder are functional and non-functional neuroendocrine tumors and some other rare types of acinar adenocarcinoma. While the neoplasms of the head of the pancreas present mostly with painless jaundice, lesions of the body and tail present with non-specific symptoms such as abdominal pain, weight loss and nausea. Elly and/or back pain and weight loss.
Related Journals

- Journal of the pancreas
- Pancreas
- HPB
- Journal of surgical oncology
- European journal of surgical oncology
- Journal of the american college of surgeon
- Annals of surgery
- JAMA Surgery
- Journal of Gastrointestinal & Digestive System
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