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- 1. Combining the AJCC staging system and the chromosome 3 and 8q status improves prognostication in uveal melanoma.
- 2. Survival of patients with indolent subtypes of uveal melanoma is influenced by gender and the tumor's chromosome 8q status.
- 3. The chromosome constitution of irradiated tumor samples is not representative of the tumor's pre-radiotherapy genetic status.
- 4. The skewed expression of epigenetic regulator genes in uveal melanoma with an infaust prognosis indicates that studying epigenetics will substantially contribute to the unraveling of the biology of uveal melanoma.
- Genetic typing is technically demanding and lethal abnormalities may be missed
 if the techniques applied lack sufficient resolution or if intratumoral genetic
 heterogeneity results in sampling error. (A Eleuteri, Int J Biomed Eng Technol,
 2012)
- 6. Counterintuitively, pharmacological inhibitors of DNA repair/DNA damage response have considerable potential in treating various human diseases, particularly cancer. (SP Jackson, Science, 2016)
- 7. The growing interest in testing new therapies calls for a closer comparison of the available prognostic algorithms to select patients who might benefit from those therapies. (N Amirouchenne-Angelozzi, Br J Cancer, 2015)
- 8. The low burden of mutations found in UM explains the lower response to immunotherapies in UM, compared to other types of melanoma. (H Helgadottir, Appl Clin Genet, 2016)
- 9. We live on an island surrounded by a sea of ignorance. As our island of knowledge grows, so does the shore of our ignorance John Archibald Wheeler (Scientific American Vol. 267, 1992)
 Interpretation: The more our knowledge increases, the more we realize what we do not yet know.
- The more original a discovery, the more obvious it seems afterwards Arthur Koestler (The Act of Creation, 1970)
 Interpretation: The most obvious is what we usually overlook.