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The first International Workshop on “Prognostic and Therapeutic Applications of RKIP in Cancer” was held at the University of California at Los Angeles, March 19–20, 2010. This workshop was focused on the current status of the various functions assigned to RKIP and its pivotal role in the regulation of cancer cells’ survival and response to therapies. The workshop was attended by national and international experts. The topics presented included the role of RKIP in the regulation of cell survival, cell proliferation, cell response to growth factors, metastasis, and sensitivity to chemotherapy and immunotherapy, as well as its prognostic significance and its role as a new target for therapeutic intervention. Issue 1 of volume 2 is the first in a two-part series of publications of the workshop proceedings. This volume is the first to publish manuscripts and reviews on RKIP and serves as an important reference for scientists, clinicians, and students.

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