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Pulmonary fibrosis is a debilitating interstitial lung disease characterized by the excessive accumulation of fibrous tissue in the lungs. It can develop due to various identifiable triggers, including infections, silicosis, and connective tissue diseases. Moreover, a significant proportion of patients suffer from idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis (IPF), where the underlying cause remains unknown. An abundance of evidence underscores the critical importance of early diagnosis in ensuring timely treatment selection and improving the prognosis of pulmonary fibrosis. Regrettably, there is currently no established biomarker or “gold standard” for early pulmonary fibrosis diagnosis, contributing to treatment delays.

Consequently, this special issue is dedicated to comprehensively exploring the multifaceted dimensions of pulmonary fibrosis, with a specific emphasis on early diagnosis, intervention, and its profound impact on patient prognosis.

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