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# Pathogenesis and Novel Diagnostics in Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis and Other Rheumatic Diseases

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# **Message from the Guest Editors**

Paediatric rheumatic diseases refer to a heterogeneous collection of autoimmune or autoinflammatory forms of musculoskeletal, arthritic, and connective tissue disorders that can develop in childhood. The most common types of these diseases are juvenile idiopathic arthritis and other rheumatic diseases (such as dermatomyositis or systemic lupus erythematosus). These diseases can affect children of any age and any ethnic background, and being diagnosed too late or poorly treated may contribute to the disability of an afflicted child, due to disturbances in the structure and function of the osteoarticular and muscle system.

It is therefore crucial that we continue to research the pathogenesis of paediatric rheumatic diseases, seeking new biomarkers of the diseases and effective therapeutic methods. We invite researchers to submit original works or review articles covering significant development in the pathogenesis of juvenile idiopathic arthritis and other rheumatic diseases, as well as novel diagnostic and therapeutic methods.













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