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Fibrosis in Chronic Inflammatory Diseases

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Message from the Guest Editors

Dear Colleagues,

Over the last decade, knowledge regarding the pathophysiology of tissue fibrosis has advanced considerably. A feature common to all fibrotic diseases is the differentiation of extracellular matrix-producing myfibroblasts. Nevertheless, there are still major challenges in the quest to develop effective antifibrotic therapeutic strategies. Indeed, it also appears that the transition from the inflammatory insult to fibrosis and the mechanisms progressing fibrosis may be either common or tissue/disease-specific. Therefore, a deeper understanding of the cellular and molecular mechanisms underlying fibrosis and its relationship with the inflammatory process is necessary to identify new therapeutic targets and increase treatment possibilities.

Outstanding experts interested in this Special Issue are very welcome to submit original manuscripts and reviews dealing with any aspects of the pathogenesis and pathophysiology of fibrosis in chronic inflammatory diseases.

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