



Novel Biomarkers in Heart Failure

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Message from the Guest Editor

As many of you already know, heart failure (HF) is the cardiovascular epidemic of our century. It has a poor prognosis, reduces patients' quality of life despite the availability of optimized medical treatments, and is increasing the healthcare burden. Plasma biomarkers are useful in the diagnosis and prognosis stratification of HF, but though in the last decade many studies have searched for novel HF biomarkers, their implementation in clinical practice has so far remained largely unsuccessful. Whereas few biomarkers, such as natriuretic peptides and high-sensitivity troponins, are widely used in clinical practice, many others have not yet proven their utility. For example, among the novel HF biomarkers, only galectin-3 and soluble suppression of tumorigenicity 2 are included in the ACC/AHA HF guidelines. Therefore, it is clear that much remains to be learned. With this Special Issue, we hope to encourage submissions that discuss the current state of HF biomarkers research, address present knowledge gaps, and focus on ongoing controversies related to novel biomarkers in HF.





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