



Clinical Advances in Angina Pectoris

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Message from the Guest Editors

Angina pectoris is a chronic disabling condition affecting a growing number of patients with ischemic heart disease. It becomes refractory when complaints persist despite optimal medical therapy due to severe and/or diffuse coronary artery disease (CAD) without options for percutaneous or surgical revascularization procedures. The availability of advanced physiology measurements allows us not only to better identify patients with epicardial and microvascular disease, but also to guide the cardiologist to the best treatment option. Similarly, the continuous improvements in materials and techniques for complex revascularisation procedures allow for not only an extremely high success rate, but also for a less invasive approach and potentially reduced complications rate. Finally, a recently introduced device for the treatment of refractory angina may provide additional tools when revascularisation procedures and physiology-guided optimal medical therapy are not sufficiently effective. We welcome authors to submit papers on the clinical advance of refractory angina as well as angina without obstructive coronary artery disease in terms of both diagnosis and treatment.





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