



## Clinical Research and Treatment of Endocarditis

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### Message from the Guest Editor

Dear Colleagues,

Infective endocarditis (IE) is a serious, progressive and fatal disease with an estimated annual incidence of 3–10 cases per 100,000 person-years.

The diagnosis of IE is challenging and is based on imaging, microbiological results and clinical criteria.

One to six percent of all patients with heart valve prostheses are diagnosed with prosthetic valve endocarditis (PVE), and over 20% of all cases of infective endocarditis (IE) are classified as PVE. In-hospital mortality among patients with PVE is significantly higher than in those diagnosed with native valve endocarditis. Therefore, a specific consideration should be applied for patients diagnosed with PVE. This topic should be elaborated.

Nonbacterial thrombotic endocarditis (NBTE). The approach for this type of endocarditis should be better elucidated, in the aspects of diagnosis, medical treatment, indication for intervention and the operative outcomes.

I hope that this issue will contribute to better understanding of the above topics and other challenges related to Endocarditis.

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