



Diseases of the Salivary Glands

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Salivary glands (SGs) fulfill important roles in oral biology and the loss of normal SG function results in widespread deterioration of oral health, greatly impacting the quality of patients' life. To date, no definitive therapeutic approach compensates for the impairment of SGs, and treatment is purely symptomatic. SGs were affected by a variety of diseases, local and systemic, and the prevalence of SGs diseases depends on various etiological factors. The glands may suffer from viral, bacterial, rarely fungal infections, which may cause painful swelling or obstruction, affecting their functions. The SGs may also be affected by various benign and malignant tumors which consist of a heterogeneous group of lesions with complex clinical-pathological characteristics. Overall, some serious problems for patients with SG diseases are often due to autoimmune diseases such as Sjogren's syndrome (SS), a complex systemic autoimmune inflammatory disorder. This Special Issue is intended to provide an overview of recent advances in the field of SG disorders and understanding the cellular and molecular mechanisms involved in the pathogenesis of SG diseases.





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