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# Lupus and Scleroderma: New Aspects and Considerations

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Both systemic lupus erythematous (SLE) and systemic sclerosis (scleroderma) (SSc) are autoimmune diseases that can result in substantial morbidity and mortality. Diagnosis and treatment for both are clinical challenges because patient presentation and response to therapy are heterogeneous. Despite the progress in treating organ involvement in SSc, however, effective treatments for cutaneous fibrosis remain elusive. None of the disease-modifying antirheumatic drugs have shown proven efficacy for SSc skin fibrosis, and it is challenging to carry out clinical trials because of SSc low prevalence, diverse clinical manifestations, and variable and fluctuating course.

In this Special Issue, we will focus on emerging diagnostic tools or biomarkers, novel therapeutics and non-pharmacologic interventions, comorbidity management, and other challenging aspects of lupus and scleroderma.

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