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# Clinical Advances in Lupus Nephritis

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## Message from the Guest Editor

Systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE) is the prototype of autoimmune conditions characterised by an abnormal autoimmune response associated with a loss of tolerance to endogenous nuclear antigens leading to inflammation in various tissues. Lupus nephritis (LN) can occur in up to 60% of patients with SLE and represents a major cause of morbidity and mortality. A growing body of recent insights into the genetic and molecular mechanisms in SLE and LN has triggered the development of novel therapies for these patients. The B-cell-centred approaches have been paralleled by the identification of additional multiple extrarenal and intrarenal pathways contributing to kidney-specific autoimmunity leading to the investigation of novel therapeutic strategies. The formerly induction-maintenance treatment approaches were recently challenged by the promising results obtained from trials that evaluated add-on therapy with voclosporin, belimumab, or obinutuzumab. The scope of this Special Issue is to provide a critical insight into the current knowledge of LN pathogenesis and future therapeutic strategies.

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