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New Trends for Stroke Prevention in Atrial Fibrillation

Message from the Guest Editors

Atrial fibrillation is an increasing healthcare issue with rising incidence and prevalence globally. Atrial fibrillation is accountable for 20–30% of all ischemic stroke, and stroke prevention is a cornerstone in reducing morbidity and mortality associated with atrial fibrillation. Direct-acting oral anticoagulation is the current mainstay therapy, but the benefit may be offset by bleeding risk and compliance issues. Multiple efforts have been devoted to improving our understanding of the pathophysiology behind atrial fibrillation associated strokes and stroke prophylaxis interventions. Specifically, transcatheter left atrial appendage occlusion has been introduced and undergone tremendous technical advancements in recent years. Furthermore, factor XI inhibitors have gained a lot of interest, with promising early results. Researchers are encouraged to submit original research papers or reviews for this Special Issue focusing on new trends in stroke prevention for atrial fibrillation with emphasis on advancements in both pharmacological and non-pharmacological approaches.

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