



## Novel Challenges and Advances in Diseases of the Respiratory System

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Diseases of the respiratory system include a long list of conditions such as chronic obstructive disease, asthma, bronchiectasis, pneumonia, tuberculosis, pleural effusion, lung cancer, interstitial lung diseases, pulmonary embolism, respiratory failure, etc. The prevalence of lung diseases, and especially chronic disorders, has increased throughout the years.

In the contemporary era, there is an emerging need to apply a personalized approach for the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of diseases, since current research has revealed various subpopulations and subphenotypes within the same diagnosis. Patients that suffer from the same disease may exhibit significant diversities in terms of pathogenesis and clinical characteristics, which call for individualized treatments. As far as respiratory disorders are concerned, in recent years, the accumulation of data has led to drastic advances in molecular and clinical venues, highlighting the diversities in clinical, laboratory, and/or imaging findings, even within the same disease.

We are calling for studies that address the pathophysiological and clinical issues related to the diseases of the respiratory system.





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