



Rheumatism in 2023: New Challenges and Perspectives

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In the past, rheumatism (from Greek $\rho\epsilon\upsilon\mu\alpha\tau\acute{\iota}\zeta\omicron\mu\alpha\iota$, “to suffer from a flux”) was the umbrella term used when referring to any of the vast group of inflammatory disorders affecting joints, tendons, or muscles. Nowadays, it is known that under this quite obsolete term, about 200 different diseases are classified, each one with its pathogenesis, natural history, diagnostic work-up, and therapeutic strategy. Moreover, every patient suffering from a rheumatic disease has their own characteristics which can differ from those of someone else affected by the same illness. Finally, overlap syndromes are possible, making the rheumatologist’s work even more challenging. The scope of this Special Issue is to delineate the latest advances in terms of differential diagnosis, patients’ typification, and tailored therapy in the world of rheumatic diseases. With this aim, we are looking for both comprehensive reviews and original research articles from authors dedicated to academical and clinical rheumatology.





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