



The Challenges and Therapeutic Prospects in Autoimmune Diseases

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Message from the Guest Editors

Autoimmune diseases are rare diseases with single-organ or multisystemic impact that can cause a lot of damage. Moreover, being rare diseases, most of the time there is no valid evidence concerning their treatment. Frequently, there is no accurate test for their diagnosis either, and the diagnosis is made using far from perfect criteria, or by exclusion.

The treatment landscape of this kind of disease has evolved during the last 25 years, as new knowledge and new technologies have emerged that led to the appearance of new drug classes. Nevertheless, as the treatment of autoimmune diseases almost always involves immunosuppressive drugs, patients may easily contract infections, and sometimes it is hard to differentiate the infection from a disease flare-up. This raises other problems with respect to the treatment of such patients.

These are some of the challenges of autoimmune diseases. This Special Issue welcomes original research papers, systematic reviews, or narrative reviews addressing fundamental, translational, and clinical aspects from this domain.





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