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Message from the Guest Editor

Dear Colleagues,

The lungs have a very complex structure, and can be treated via surgery or radiation. The primary treatment employed is steroids, but the use of steroids can suppress the immune system and cause pneumonia. Interstitial pneumonia is a general term for diseases in which inflammation occurs in the interstitium of the lungs. Interstitial pneumonia reduces alveolar function, making it difficult to take in oxygen via inhalation, leading to respiratory symptoms such as a shortness of breath and coughing; in severe cases, this can ultimately lead to respiratory failure. At present, no effective treatment has been established; therefore, conservative therapy, primarily represented by symptomatic treatment, is the main treatment. Therefore, we would like propose the application of nutritional therapy in a new treatment for the lungs. According to a WHO announcement, COPD is said to be the third leading cause of death in the world. Therefore, a nutritional approach to lun treatment is urgently needed. In this Special Issue, we would like to consider the application of nutritional therapy in lung diseases.





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