



## Heart Disease Complicated by HIV Infection: Predictors, Diagnosis and Treatment Options

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### Message from the Guest Editor

Dear Colleagues,

Over the last two decades, following the introduction of potent high-genetic barrier regimens in the aging population, HIV medicine has progressively focused on comorbidities and age-related health issues. People living with HIV (PLWH) are disproportionally affected by cardiovascular disease (both in terms of morbidity and mortality) which is not entirely explained by the traditional risk factors, such as age, gender, smoker status, diabetes, family history, hypertension, and weight.

Several studies have addressed the additional role of HIV-related immune activation and inflammation, but many questions remain open. HIV infection is considered an independent predictor of heart disease, meaning it should be managed accordingly, although real-life data report an insufficient level of medical attention and patient compliance.

The aim of this Special Issue is to focus on the peculiarity of cardiovascular disease in PLWH, addressing the clinical issue in terms of prediction tools, pathogenesis, and treatment options.





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