



Oxidative Stress in Gastrointestinal Diseases: Challenges and Opportunities

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Message from the Guest Editors

Inflammatory bowel diseases (IBDs) have a multifactorial character, with the contribution of environmental factors, intestinal microbiota, individual genetic susceptibility, as well as immunological and psychological factors, with emphasis on the role of inflammation and oxidative stress in their emergence. Drug treatment, which is used for a prolonged time by patients, may be used with the appearance of adverse effects, dependence, and/or refractoriness to the disease. Studies have pointed out that compounds with antioxidant/anti-inflammatory effects can be considered a complementary alternative treatment for IBD.

We welcome the submission of articles and reports with high scientific standards on the medical specialty concerned with the prevention and diagnosis of IBDs, monoclonal antibodies treatment, biomarkers for diagnosis and clinical follow-up, surgical treatment, and nutritional strategies for clinical remission induction and maintenance.





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