

## Special Issue

# Metabolic Dysfunction-Associated Steatotic Disease

### Message from the Guest Editor

MAFLD/MASLD, a metabolic disorder characterized by hepatic steatosis overlapping with multiple metabolic disturbances, has gained worldwide recognition due to its escalating global prevalence, now affecting over 30% of the general population, including lean individuals that were previously considered low risk.

Despite progress, key challenges persist: (1) precise non-invasive diagnosis distinguishing between MAFLD and its progressive forms; (2) elucidating the role of gut-liver axis dysbiosis (e.g., *Bacteroides* overgrowth) and epigenetic modifications in disease progression; and (3) limited biomarkers to predict transition from steatosis to steatohepatitis (NASH).

We invite contributions on the following:  
Novel classification using proteomic and metabolomic profiles;  
Molecular mechanisms linking metabolism and lipotoxicity to inflammation/fibrosis;  
Diagnostic dilemmas beyond the current imaging/biomarker paradigms;  
The efficacy of emerging therapies (e.g., GLP-1RAs, FGF21 analogs, nutrition intervention) across disease stages;  
Future directions, including Artificial Intelligence applications.

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