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Post Tuberculosis Lung Disease from Lung Damage to the Loss of Lung Function

Message from the Guest Editors

The classification of post-tuberculosis (TB) chronic lung disorders continues to evolve, guidelines are missing, some disorders remain unclassifiable, and manifestations of treated pulmonary TB disease are ignored. It is a long journey from TB infection to active pulmonary TB disease, from contagious epidemiological status to lung damage and pulmonary impairment, with post-TB obstructive or restrictive disease and progressive loss of lung function. Appropriate approach and treatment must be developed, but only a comprehensive characterisation of pathogenesis. including etiological factors, biomarkers, phenotypes, and treatable traits, will allow for the introduction of precision preventive and curative medicine interventions. We invite colleagues to submit original research or review articles that contribute to the current body of knowledge on PTLD pathology, focussing in a broader sense on the pathogenic mechanisms that damage the lung and cause lung function loss. In this way, we hope to enhance the current understanding of the epidemiological, environmental, and immunological factors of disease development and progression and the therapeutic approach.

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