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Navigating the Complex Landscape of NonCommunicable Respiratory Diseases: Emerging Challenges and Opportunities

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This Special Issue explores the complex interplay of genetic, environmental, and pathophysiological factors in non-communicable respiratory diseases, such as asthma, idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis (IPF), and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), among others. Despite their distinct manifestations, they share common pathways like inflammation, which connect their pathophysiology. Asthma involves genetic and environmental interactions leading to airway inflammation, requiring personalized treatment with emerging biomarkers and therapies. IPF and COPD are similarly affected by environmental factors such as air pollution, especially particulate matter, which exacerbates disease progression through respiratory and systemic inflammation. Recent studies indicate potential roles for the renin-angiotensin system in these diseases, offering new therapeutic targets. These conditions present significant public health challenges, incurring substantial economic costs from healthcare and productivity losses. Global challenges, such as increasing urbanization and lifestyle changes, further disrupt immune responses and compromise epithelial integrity, promoting these diseases.

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