

## Special Issue

# Future Directions of Specific Immunomodulatory Therapy in Children

### Message from the Guest Editors

We would like to invite you to contribute to the Special Issue on the “Future Directions of Specific Immunomodulatory Therapy in Children”. Immunomodulators play a crucial role in modern medical practice, with both stimulatory and suppressive effects that regulate and control the immune response. Clinically, immunomodulators are central to managing autoimmune and autoinflammatory diseases and others immunological disorders involving the skin, musculoskeletal system, and respiratory tract. The future direction of these treatments is focused on precision medicine and targeted therapies such as new biologics, small molecules, and checkpoint inhibitors. The purpose of this Special Issue is to provide cutting-edge data on all aspects of these new specific immunomodulators and future perspectives for pediatric rheumatologists, immunologists, and allergologists. We will lay out specific tools in order to highlight all of the latest developments concerning this topic, taking into consideration above all observational studies and registry data, but also reviews and case reports if these provide evident novelties regarding the disease.

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