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New Horizons in the Diagnosis, Prevention and Treatment of Peripheral Artery Disease in Diabetes

Message from the Guest Editor

Peripheral artery disease (PAD) is a common and severe complication of diabetes, traditionally associated with lower limb ischemia and risk of major adverse limb events (MALEs). However, growing evidence highlights PAD as a marker of systemic atherosclerosis and a strong predictor of major adverse cardiovascular events (MACE), underscoring the need for a broader clinical and pathophysiological perspective. Diabetic patients with PAD often present with multivessel involvement and systemic vascular dysfunction, which contributes to their extremely high residual cardiovascular risk despite optimal standard therapy.

This Special Issue aims to explore the evolving landscape of PAD in the context of diabetes, with a focus on early diagnosis, risk stratification, and emerging therapeutic strategies. Particular attention will be given to novel circulating and imaging biomarkers that may improve patient profiling and guide personalized interventions. In addition, recent advances in pharmacological and revascularization therapies will be discussed, along with their impact on both limb and cardiovascular outcomes.

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