

Special Issue

Diagnosis, Prognosis and Management of Cardiovascular Disease in Patients with Rheumatic Conditions

Message from the Guest Editors

During the past two to three decades, comorbid cardiovascular disease in rheumatoid arthritis has been extensively reported. Rheumatoid arthritis increases the incidence of atherosclerotic cardiovascular diseases including ischemic heart disease and ischemic stroke, heart failure with preserved and reduced ejection fraction and venous thrombotic disease. Cardiovascular comorbidity in rheumatoid arthritis is mediated by not only traditional cardiovascular risk factors but also disease-specific manifestations including particularly different inflammatory pathways. These reported issues complicate the diagnosis, prognosis and management of cardiovascular disease in rheumatoid arthritis. Accordingly, current recommendations on the management of comorbid cardiovascular disease in rheumatoid arthritis are still often based on expert opinion due to a lack of sufficiently reported evidence. We hope that this Special Issue will make a valuable contribution to cardiovascular disease outcomes in patients with rheumatic conditions. We welcome any type of manuscripts including original research studies, narrative and systematic reviews and protocols.

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