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Molecular and Cellular Mechanisms of Comorbidities in Rheumatic Diseases

Message from the Guest Editor

Inflammatory and autoimmune rheumatic diseases place a great burden on patients and on health care systems. This is because of the disabling characteristics of these diseases, the high cost of new therapies, and the possible presence of co-morbidities that often require complex therapies. Therefore, this Special Issue aims to contribute original research and reviews on the molecular and cellular mechanisms of co-morbidities that often affect patients with rheumatic diseases.

These may involve organs from different systems, such as those from cardiovascular, respiratory, gastrointestinal, nervous, renal, and skin systems. Scientific contributions are useful for managing patients better; indeed, facilitating early diagnoses is needed to avoid irreversible complications. This could also lead to savings for health care systems, as well as freeing up resources that can then be used to treat an increasing number of affected people.

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