# Special Issue

# Recent Advances in Interstitial Lung Disease

### Message from the Guest Editor

A complete score, including all principal variables used to stratify idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis (IPF) patients, is currently lacking. Moreover, there is no standard definition of disease progression and no decline rate has been formally accepted in patients with IPF. At present, scores are only limited to a comparison between IPF and one or two variables (such as pulmonary function tests, high-resolution computed tomography, or acute exacerbation) which are evaluated singularly. In addition, pulmonary hypertension is underestimated or not considered in IPF data analysis. According to the literature, we suggest dividing all risk predictors into:

- probable predictors;
- potential predictors.

On the basis of the severity of each risk factor on IPF outcome, we also aim to:

- define the worse predictive risk factors in IPF;
- propose an accurate and complete predictor risk score of poor outcome with all principal variables;
- identify a standard definition of disease progression;
- enable clinicians to better evaluate eligibility criteria for anti-fibrotic therapy or lung transplantation strategies in clinical practice.

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