

Special Issue

New Insights into Pathogenic and Clinical Outcomes of Periodontal Diseases Associated with Metabolic and Gastrointestinal Disorders

Message from the Guest Editors

As the oral cavity is part of the gastrointestinal system, changes in the periodontal status can be the first sign of gastrointestinal diseases. Moreover, gingivitis and periodontitis are bacterial plaque-induced and can affect the gastrointestinal conditions through the swallowing of bacteria or the hematogenous way. A cascade of cytokines are expressed in blood and gingival crevicular fluid. Functional and structural diseases include hepatitis, NAFLD/MAFLD, cancers, peptic ulcer disease, gastritis, gastroenteritis, celiac disease, Crohn's disease, indigestion (dyspepsia), pancreatitis, inflammatory bowel syndrome, Whipple's disease, Zollinger–Ellison syndrome, malabsorption syndromes, etc. Given this scientific background, the purpose of this Special Issue is to gather novel findings on possible pathogenic connections existing between periodontal diseases and metabolic/gastro-intestinal conditions, and their clinical consequences. This would lead to an improvement not only in the understanding of the subject, but also in patients' life quality and well-being.

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