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Insights into Acute Pancreatitis: Pathogenesis, Diagnosis, and Management

Message from the Guest Editors

Acute (AP) and chronic pancreatitis (CP) are significant inflammatory diseases of the pancreas, and are associated with high morbidity, hospital re-admission, and an impaired quality of life. AP is a common cause of gastrointestinal hospitalization, with up to 20% of cases progressing to severe forms. CP, a progressive fibroinflammatory disorder, results in irreversible pancreatic damage and functional loss. Recent advances in imaging, particularly contrast-enhanced CT, MRI, and endoscopic ultrasound (EUS), have enhanced diagnostic accuracy. EUS also plays a crucial role in the early detection of CP and in therapeutic procedures such as fluid drainage and ductal interventions. Despite these advances, curative pharmacologic treatments remain elusive, and novel approaches—including endoscopic innovations, targeted therapies, and AI-based diagnostics—are under investigation. This Special Issue welcomes the submission of original research and reviews on advanced imaging, endoscopic and minimally invasive treatments, innovative drug therapies, and translational research in AP and CP. We aim to highlight current progress and foster future research in pancreatitis care.

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