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News in the Pathogenesis, Diagnosis and Treatment of Systemic Sclerosis

Message from the Guest Editors

Systemic sclerosis (SS) is a systemic autoimmune disease whose origin is unknown, although everything points to a multifactorial origin in which both genetic and environmental factors are involved. Currently, SS has no cure, although there are treatments to alleviate the conditions that may appear in the different organs. In recent years, mortality from scleroderma renal crisis or cardiopulmonary involvement, mainly due to pulmonary hypertension or interstitial lung disease, has improved substantially in these patients. Even today, it is the systemic autoimmune disease with the worst prognosis, since it drastically reduces the quality of life and the life expectancy of patients who suffer from it is 16–34 years less than the general population. We are pleased to invite you to contribute research to this Special Issue on SS. Original research articles and reviews are welcome. Research areas may include (but not limited to) the following: environmental influence on the pathogenesis of ES; developments in periungual capillaroscopy; visceral involvement and its correlation with different antibodies; new antibodies related to the disease; new therapeutic pathways.

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