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Message from the Guest Editors

Chronic kidney disease (CKD) due to diabetes without other known causes, also referred to as diabetic kidney disease (DKD), develops in approximately 40% of patients with type 2 diabetes and 30% of those with type 1 diabetes. The worldwide epidemic of diabetes has established DKD as the leading cause of kidney failure globally. The majority of patients who develop this microvascular complication die prematurely from cardiovascular disease, and only a minority progresses to kidney failure requiring kidney replacement therapy. After decades of limited therapeutic options with sizable residual risk, new classes of medications promise to transform care and the lives of DKD patients.

Considering the steady increase in the numbers of cases of DKD, efforts to raise awareness of the large burden of disease and increased risk of dying, improve recognition, and implement effective management of DKD are critical. This Special issue will provide a concise overview of epidemiology, putative mechanisms involved in development and progression of DKD, and a review of current professional guidelines for early recognition and management.

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