

Special Issue

Recent Advance in the Management of Morphea

Message from the Guest Editors

Morphea (localized scleroderma, LoSc) is a rare autoimmune sclerotic skin disease which often involves underlying tissue. However, while the etiopathogenesis is not fully understood, it is assumed that some genetic, epigenetic and environmental factors are involved.

Morphea is more common in the Caucasian population, and in females, with a female to male ratio of 4:2, and children with morphea representing approximately 15% that of the adult morphea population. The treatment management depends on the activity/severity and clinical type of the disease as well as the patient's age and should be introduced according to guidelines. Despite the use of a recommended therapy, morphea relapses in approximately 30% of patients, especially in the linear and generalized type. Moreover, after recovering from an active stage of morphea, some functional and cosmetic disfigurement might persist. This Special Issue invites articles concerning recent advances in the management of morphea, drawing on both experimental and clinical data related to the disease. We would appreciate the novelty of the manuscript.

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