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Clinical Aspects and Unmet Needs in Systemic Lupus Erythematosus

Message from the Guest Editors

Despite significant advances in our understanding of the pathophysiology and optimization of medical care, patients with SLE still have significant premature mortality and many patients experience severe disease with increased risk to acquire organ damage and reduced health-related quality of life. Development of effective drugs that can induce remission or low disease activity, unanimous use of definitions of remission and low or high disease activity, flare, and response to therapy, identification of non-invasive biomarkers of disease activity and long-term outcomes, and implementation of SLE patients' perspective as an integral part of the clinical assessment constitute only a few of the many unmet needs in the field of SLE. This Special Issue aims to provide a broad overview of current and new knowledge on clinical features and long-term outcomes of SLE, including disease phenotypes, therapeutic strategies, and biomarkers. Research incorporating the COVID-19 viral pandemic and its consequences for SLE patients is also welcome.

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