

Special Issue

New Insights into Connective Tissue Disorders

Message from the Guest Editor

Dramatic advances in the management of rheumatoid arthritis and other autoimmune diseases are ongoing. The earliest possible diagnosis and active intervention are recommended, with the goal of inducing and maintaining remission. Currently, many types of drugs targeting T and B cells, innate immune cells, inflammatory cytokines, and JAKs are available, but treatment efficacy varies due to the heterogeneity of the diseases. Composite measures are useful for validating disease activity, since specific, single biomarkers are not known. A prominent feature of autoimmune diseases is the production of autoantibodies and autoreactive T cells. The target antigens of specific autoantibodies have been identified for several autoimmune diseases, but the related pathogenesises are mostly unknown. Also, their links to innate immune cascades and therapies still need to be clarified. The aim of the Special Issue is to highlight new developments in our understanding of connective tissue diseases, including their diagnosis, treatment, biomarkers, pathogenesis, and molecular mechanisms. The articles focusing on human immunology and its connective tissue disorders are welcome.

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