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Asthma and Allergic Inflammation: Risks, Mechanisms, and New Treatments: Part II

Message from the Guest Editors

As we are all aware, asthma is a public health issue worldwide, which is highly prevalent, frequently undiagnosed, often under- or ill-treated, and fatal for many people (more than malaria, in fact). Although there are good treatments and a plethora of guidelines and strategies, there has been no dramatic advance in the past two decades. The affordability of even cheap treatment combinations in low- and middle-income countries is an important limitation for asthma control in those countries. However, even in high-income countries with access to the new monoclonal antibodies, the burden of the disease in terms of DALYs is enormous, especially in children. To overcome the paralysis in the era of personalized medicine, there is a need for a change of paradigm, in which the term 'asthma' is not the start and the end of the diagnostic pathway but succeeded by the question of 'what sort of asthma is this patient suffering of', in terms of airflow obstruction, airway inflammation, and infection. Considering these terms, the present Special Issue aims to compile a record of what we expect of the asthmatic condition currently and in the decades to come.

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