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Advances in the Early Diagnosis and Management of Renal Diseases

Message from the Guest Editors

The last decade has seen many advances in the diagnostics and management of renal diseases. Since the progressive loss of functioning renal tissue may result from many different disturbances, an exact diagnosis is essential to establish the appropriate therapy. With a few exceptions, invasive diagnostics—namely, a kidney biopsy—are currently required to diagnose many chronic kidney diseases precisely. To effectively develop personalized medicine, we need to develop highly accurate biomarkers for use in the clinic. A promising, non-invasive approach is urinary proteome analysis. Renal failure is among the most deadly and economically costly diseases. There are relatively few new therapies in development for the treatment of renal disease. Many costly phase 3 trials have failed to provide improved renal outcomes, and the awareness of renal diseases remains poor. Several therapeutics are in development for the treatment of CKD. The success of the future management of renal disease will depend not only on an improved understanding of disease pathogenesis but also on increasing awareness of this disease among the public.

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