

Special Issue

Hidradenitis Suppurativa (HS): Research Advances in Pathogenesis, Diagnosis and Treatment

Message from the Guest Editor

Hidradenitis Suppurativa (HS) is increasingly recognised as one of the main dermatological disorder in western countries. The diagnosis is far from being simple as dermatologists have to look for the presence of chronic and unremitting nodules, abscesses, sinus tracts in skin folds, as the only criteria to diagnose HS. Poor knowledge of HS pathogenesis reflects the lack of an effective treatment. Most patients receive a first treatment combining analgesics and topical and systemic antibiotics with HS often mistaken for a folliculitis. Some dermatologists prescribe sulfonamides, immunosuppressants or isotretinoin, used to treat acne. Adalimumab (an anti-TNF- α) is currently used off-label for severe to moderate cases, although not all the patients respond to the treatment. Medical treatments seldom result in a cure and the aggravation of lesions often lead to surgical resection of the skin of affected areas. Over the last few years however, research in to HS pathogenesis has sensibly increased giving new hopes for a faster diagnosis and effective treatments. The present Special Issue aims to present the last findings in HS pathogenesis that can improve its diagnosis and treatment.

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