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New Advances in Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis (JIA)

Message from the Guest Editor

Juvenile idiopathic arthritis (JIA) is a group of inflammatory joint diseases. Its course, often chronic, affects joint function, sometimes also visual function, and has a lasting impact on quality of life. Despite tremendous therapeutic advances, obtaining short-term remission of the disease and maintaining it over the long term only concerns half of patients. The heterogeneity of JIA is one of the main reasons for treatment failures.

Following the example of inflammatory rheumatism in adults, the principle of better targeting for better treatment is entering into current practice. The systemic form of JIA, now considered a multifactorial autoinflammatory disease, was the first to benefit from this strategy with complete remission over a short period of time under interleukin-1 blockade (anakinra) as a main objective. One of the important justifications for this strategy is both to better guarantee a response to treatment and to limit the use of ineffective, expensive and sometimes dangerous therapies. Significant progress is still needed in this field, which requires the integration of multimodal data and their standardization into simple tools that can be used elsewhere.

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