

Special Issue

Clinical Features and Long-Term Outcomes of Systemic Lupus Erythematosus

Message from the Guest Editors

The clinical spectrum of systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE) is highly heterogeneous. The clinical manifestations range from skin and joint involvement to life-threatening conditions such as renal or neuropsychiatric disease, severe cytopenias and thromboembolic events. Despite advances in pharmacotherapy, SLE is still characterized by premature mortality and substantially reduced health-related quality of life. The unmet needs are many. Development of effective drugs that can induce remission or low disease activity is imperative, but has been challenging due to the heterogeneity of the disease, among other reasons. Effective management of flares, identification of biomarkers of disease activity and long-term outcomes, as well as implementation of the patient perspective as an integral part of the clinical assessment constitute only few of the goals towards optimized management. This Special Issue aims to provide current and new knowledge on clinical features and outcomes of SLE, including disease phenotypes, therapeutic strategies, and biomarkers of activity, treatment response and prognosis. Research incorporating the COVID-19 pandemic and its consequences is also welcome.

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