Special Issue

MASLD and Its Comorbidities: From Pathophysiology Perspectives

Message from the Guest Editor

Metabolic dysfunction-associated steatotic liver disease (MASLD) has emerged as the most common chronic liver disease worldwide, currently affecting over 30% of the adult population. It has lately drawn increasing attention due to its prevalence, increased risk of hepatic and extrahepatic outcomes, and its intricate relationships with other metabolic disorders.

A better understanding of the pathogenetic mechanisms is essential for the prevention of progression towards the more advanced stages of the disease and improved therapeutic interventions. In addition, the changes of terminology and diagnostic criteria of a metabolic liver disease from NAFLD to MAFLD and then MASLD requires the reappraisal of evidence.

This Dual-Section Special Issue will explore a broader range of MASLD-related topics starting from epidemiology and pathogenetic mechanisms.

This Special Issue will include papers that that apply translational research to explore the cellular and molecular mechanisms related to MASLD, integrative physiology, disease pathogenesis of MASLD and its complications/comorbidities, diagnostic tests and biomarkers.

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