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Message from the Guest Editor

Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) is a respiratory disease with significant contributions to morbidity and mortality worldwide and is a known risk factor of lung cancer. The complex and heterogeneous nature of COPD has prompted us to design a novel COPD therapeutic policy that addresses lung function severity, symptoms, serum biomarkers, phenotypes, and comorbidities. Comorbidity evaluation and management were all mentioned in each clinical practice guideline (CPG), the comorbidities including systemic inflammation, osteoporosis, musculoskeletal defect, cardiovascular disorders, gastrointestinal dysfunction, depression, metabolic disorders, and obstructive sleep apnea. Different comorbidities have different evaluation and management policies. Consequently, the CPG or consensus should be reached over a practical approach for combining comorbidities and disease presentation markers in the therapeutic algorithm, in order to improve the quality of clinical care.

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