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Diagnosis and Treatment of Endometriosis: Priorities, Advances and Challenges

Message from the Guest Editors

Endometriosis is a chronic inflammatory disease process characterized by the presence of endometrial-like tissue outside the uterus. It affects ~10% of reproductive-age women and those assigned female at birth worldwide. Current mainstay medical management of endometriosis-related pain involves hormone therapy, nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs, and other analgesics such as opioids and neuroleptics. Surgical treatment of endometriosis may also be offered to reduce pain. However, not all endometriosis patients are suitable candidates for surgery and many experience symptoms refractory to medical or surgical treatment. This highlights the pressing need for alternative symptom-management options.

The aim of this Special Issue is to cover advances in both diagnosis and imaging, to understand priorities for clinicians and patients in these areas, and to explore the challenges and barriers to improving treatment and reducing time and expense to diagnosis.

We welcome both clinical and pre-clinical papers including systematic reviews/meta-analyses, randomised controlled trials, as well as qualitative or mixed methods papers relevant to unmet needs, barriers, or research priorities.

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