

Special Issue

Advances in Rare Diseases Affecting the Respiratory System

Message from the Guest Editors

Rare diseases affecting the respiratory system include a wide spectrum of thoracic diseases and systemic conditions with pulmonary involvement, which are often neglected, underdiagnosed, or inadequately treated due to their low prevalence. This Special Issue will discuss matters associated with rare diseases affecting the respiratory system, including rare genetic disorders, interstitial lung diseases, rare inflammatory disorders and other rare conditions of the thoracic cavity, and rare systematic diseases that affect the lungs. This selection of articles aims (i) to highlight the current knowledge on diagnosis and treatment and (ii) potential gaps in the literature, as well as (iii) point out research advancements that may change clinical practice in the field, particularly in the context of precision medicine. We encourage the submissions, including, but not restricted to, biological mechanisms, evidence-based diagnostic techniques, potential disease biomarkers and monitoring tools, novel and established therapeutic agents and strategies, instruments that assess patient-reported outcomes and health-related quality of life, and notable clinical cases.

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