

Tentative Outline

Special Issue for Review on Recent Clinical Trials

Cardiometabolic comorbidities in autoimmune rheumatic diseases: from pathogenesis to treatment

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Aims & Scopes:

Rheumatic diseases are chronic inflammatory conditions characterized by musculoskeletal involvement and a wide range of systemic complications. Among systemic manifestations, most of these diseases are burdened by an increased cardiovascular mortality that reaches, in rheumatoid arthritis, the level observed in type 2 diabetes. Cardiovascular mortality is mainly resulting from an unfavorable synergy between the detrimental effect of high-grade inflammation on vascular wall physiology and an increased prevalence of traditional cardiovascular risk factors including obesity, metabolic syndrome, type 2 diabetes and non-alcoholic fatty liver disease. Aim of this special issue is to review the current evidence explaining the pathophysiological link between cardiometabolic risk factors and rheumatic diseases; moreover, the effect of therapeutic intervention with traditional and novel agents on cardiometabolic comorbidity will be discussed.

Subtopics:

The subtopics to be covered within this issue are listed below:

- **Cardiovascular risk in rheumatic diseases**
- **Diabetes in rheumatic diseases**
- **Obesity and metabolic syndrome in rheumatic diseases**
- **NAFLD in rheumatic diseases**
- **Assessment and management of cardiometabolic comorbidity in rheumatic diseases**
- **Effect of therapeutic intervention on cardiometabolic risk in rheumatic diseases**

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