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Special Issue on
**Innovations in Sublingual Immunotherapy: Beyond
Grass Tablets**

CALL FOR PAPERS

Sublingual tablets containing natural grass allergens have proven their efficacy and safety in the treatment of allergic rhinitis. The first house dust mite tablet has been approved for use in allergic rhinoconjunctivitis with or without asthma in Japan. Ragweed sublingual immunotherapy (SLIT) tablets have recently been approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and by Health Canada and have begun to establish themselves in routine clinical practice in North America.

Taken on a daily basis, sublingual tablets reduce symptoms and diminish the use of symptomatic medications. SLIT usually lasts three years and has shown a persistent effect after completion of treatment. Studies are currently underway which focus on the asthma-preventive effect of SLIT.

We hereby invite researchers to contribute their investigations, articles, and reviews to provide new evidence-based insights into this up-and-coming field of immunotherapy. What steps can we expect SLIT to take next? Will the structure of allergens be modified? Are new forms of application in sight?

This special issue focuses on an exciting and rapidly evolving research area in allergy and immunology.

Potential topics include, but are not limited to:

- ▶ Delivery systems: is epicutaneous/intralymphatic immunotherapy an alternative to SLIT?
- ▶ Preseasonal, coseasonal, or perennial protocols
- ▶ Efficacy and safety of new modifications of allergens: T- and B-cell peptides?
- ▶ Modular allergen translocation (MAT)
- ▶ Biomarkers for monitoring efficacy and improving patient selection
- ▶ Adherence/compliance to SLIT
- ▶ Quality of life and patient-related outcomes of SLIT
- ▶ Future needs in SLIT/house dust mite allergy in the tropics
- ▶ Pharmacoeconomics of SLIT versus SCIT

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