

Special Issue on
Prognostic Factors in Benign Pancreatic Disorders

CALL FOR PAPERS

Pancreatic disorders such as acute pancreatitis, chronic pancreatitis, autoimmune pancreatitis, and pancreatic cystic neoplasms are until now challenging diseases to manage, with their incidence rising worldwide. In most cases prognosis and survival of the patients can be improved when the diseases are detected at an early stage and could be treated properly.

Early prediction of severity of acute pancreatitis by prognostic scales as well as simple parameters may influence management and improve outcome. In other pancreatic disorders, diagnostic and therapeutic decisions also depend upon some prognostic biomarkers. The sensitive and specific biomarkers which could be used for the advance of early diagnostics are needed and constantly researched.

We take a particular interest in future manuscripts that are dedicated to prognosis of pancreatic diseases in different stage, based on clinical or immune molecular basis. Articles that report prognostic factors and clinical criteria of pancreatic diseases, progress in prognosis of acute pancreatitis, chronic pancreatitis, autoimmune pancreatitis, and pancreatic cystic tumors, and new aspects of treatment of benign pancreatic diseases based on some prognostic factors would be of great interest.

We invite investigators to contribute their original data and review articles that seek to find out reliable biomarkers and evaluate their potential role in different clinical applications of pancreatic diseases diagnosis and treatment.

Potential topics include but are not limited to the following:

- ▶ The development and clinical application of serum and plasma biomarkers in pancreatic diseases
- ▶ The development and clinical application of cystic fluid markers as well as tissue markers in pancreatic disorders
- ▶ Gene mutation or expression signature that associate with diagnosis, prognosis, and treatment of pancreatic disorders
- ▶ Imaging modality for diagnosis and monitoring of pancreatic diseases
- ▶ Prognostic value of some diagnostic approaches (endosonography, radiology, and endomicroscopy)

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