



Mediators of Inflammation

Special Issue on

**Inflammatory Mediators in Pancreatitis**

# CALL FOR PAPERS

Pancreatitis is a pancreas inflammation. The pancreas is a large organ behind the stomach which produces digestive enzymes. The most common reasons of pancreatitis are gallstones and alcohol. Diagnosis of pancreatitis depends on levels of digestive enzymes and medical imaging such as ultrasound and CT. However, the process to diagnosis of pancreatitis is too long and complicated, thus it is so urgent to find some biomarkers/or inflammatory mediators specific to pancreatitis.

Pancreatitis is mainly divided into acute pancreatitis and chronic pancreatitis. Symptoms of acute pancreatitis include pain in the upper abdomen, nausea, and vomiting. In chronic pancreatitis, weight loss, fatty stool, and diarrhea may occur. Complications associated with pancreatitis may include infection, bleeding, diabetes, or problems with other organs. Although many researchers have tried to regulate pancreatitis, there are no effective drugs and mechanisms until now.

We invite scientists to contribute with original research articles and review articles that could show inflammatory mediators and molecular mechanisms related with pancreatitis. Experimental rodent and human models are highly welcome.

Potential topics include, but are not limited to:

- ▶ Introduction on pathogenesis of pancreatitis
- ▶ Inflammatory mediators during pancreatitis
- ▶ Infiltration of inflammatory cells during pancreatitis
- ▶ Medicines to regulate pancreatitis
- ▶ Biomarkers for pancreatitis
- ▶ Relationship between digestive enzymes and inflammation
- ▶ Pancreatitis and complications
- ▶ Possible risk factors for pancreatitis

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