

Special Issue

Recent Advances in Pathophysiology of Fibrosis and Scarring

Message from the Guest Editor

Fibrosis is the generation of fibrous connective tissues. It can be pathological when it interferes with organ architecture and functions. It arises from inflammation that is caused by a variety of mechanisms, including autoimmune reactions. Fibrosis and scarring involve complex biological pathways. Despite considerable research, the exact mechanisms by which these responses are initiated, evolve, and are regulated remain to be fully elucidated. Further research on these issues is important, because the development of effective treatments or strategies that prevent or halt fibrosis and induce scar-less wound healing would be a dramatic step forward for medical science. To achieve this goal, it is necessary to elucidate the relevant clinical, histopathological, and molecular manifestations of fibrosis and scarring and to understand how these manifestations relate to each other. This Special Issue will cover a selection of recent research topics and will include current review articles in the field of fibrosis and scar research for all kinds of tissues and organs. Experimental papers, up-to-date review articles, and commentaries are all welcome.

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