

## Special Issue

# Management of Cardiovascular Disease Risk in Rheumatoid Arthritis

### Message from the Guest Editors

Rheumatoid arthritis (RA) is a chronic inflammatory disease that causes mainly joint damage and increases the risk of cardiovascular disease (CVD) to a similar extent as diabetes. CVD in RA patients is associated with adverse traditional cardiovascular risk factor profiles, systemic inflammation, and their interactions, as well as genetic components. Additionally, medications used to treat disease activity, as well as population origin, impact CVD risk in RA patients. The increased atherogenesis that is experienced by RA patients awaits further elucidation. CVD risk assessment and prevention are currently suboptimal in RA patients. This Special Issue aims to improve CVD risk management in the presence of RA. We therefore invite original basic science and clinical papers, meta-analyses, and state-of-the-art reviews that deal with atherogenic mechanisms, cardiovascular risk stratification, and the role of lifestyle modification, cardiovascular drugs, and antirheumatic agents in reducing CVD risk in RA patients. Prof. Dr. Patrick H.M.C. Dessein

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