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## Advances in Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis

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### Message from the Guest Editors

Dear colleague,

Juvenile idiopathic arthritis (JIA) is the most common chronic joint disease in pediatric rheumatology and encompasses a heterogeneous group of disorders. JIA is one of the major potential causes of permanent joint inability in childhood, and extra-articular complications such as chronic uveitis could significantly impact its morbidity. Systemic JIA is increasingly recognized as a specific entity with a peculiar crosstalk between the innate and adaptative immune system, and its life-threatening complication, the macrophage activation syndrome, requires prompt recognition and appropriate treatment.

The continuous improvements in translational research, the widespread use of intra-articular glucocorticoids, and the increasing availability of a broad spectrum of innovative therapies that are tailor-made to all different subsets of JIA have resulted in a dramatic change in the way to approach the disease and to a significant improvement of long-term outcomes.

The goal of this Special Issue is to explore all these aspects by pointing out the state-of-the-art knowledge based on daily clinical experience and on evidence from literary reviews.



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