



Low Back Pain and Disability

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Message from the Guest Editor

Common low back pain (LBP) is defined as pain between the costal margins and the inferior gluteal folds, which is usually accompanied by painful limitation of movement. LBP represents a major health, social and economic burden and is a major cause of public and health expenditure in most developed countries. The lifetime prevalence of common LBP among the general population is above 80%, being the leading cause of “years lived with disability” worldwide. In routine clinical practice, the presence of comorbidities may make LBP more difficult to treat, resulting in a higher risk for it the condition chronic. In this context, new studies with the potential to produce major improvements in current LBP treatment are needed. This Special Issue on “Low Back Pain and Disability” invites authors to submit original research articles (randomized controlled trials, cohort studies, practice-based/real-world evidence/registry studies, etc.), systematic reviews, narrative or scoping reviews, and meta-analyses that enhance the body of knowledge in this field.





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