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## Cellular and Molecular Basis in Chronic Kidney Disease

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Chronic kidney disease (CKD) corresponds to a condition involving an alteration in kidney capacity persisting for three months or more with eventual loss of function over time. CKD can be divided into five specific stages, with factors such as glomerular filtration rate (GFR) and albuminuria serving as criteria for categorization. One of the central pathways involved in the pathogenesis of CKD is the renin–angiotensin–aldosterone system (RAAS). When this pathway is activated, it induces contraction of the glomerular afferent arterioles, resulting in worsening renal ischemia which ultimately diminishes glomerular filtration capacity. Collectively, RAAS, TGF- $\beta$ 1, and other factors such as vascular calcification and uremic toxins are known to be involved in CKD, causing worsening renal inflammation and fibrosis, both of which diminish renal capacity and function. This Special Issue on CKD aims to recruit original papers, reviews, and communication that enhance the understanding of cellular and molecular mechanisms involved in the pathophysiology of CKD.



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