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Trends and Prospects in Pathophysiology of Diet-Related Diseases

Message from the Guest Editor

The objective of this Special Issue is to present the current trends and future perspectives on the mechanisms of chronic diet-related diseases. Chronic diet-related diseases—such as obesity, diabetes, cardiovascular disease, cancer, osteoporosis and dental disease-are the most common cause of death in the world. We need to better understand the interrelationships between the physiological and psychological determinants of food intake, and the ecological, economic, and socio-cultural risk factors that lead to diet-related diseases. All of these dietrelated conditions have not responded well to the pharmaceutical model that characterizes today's health care paradigm. We need knowledge based on etiology that identifies the molecular basis of dysfunctions, and allows for the development of therapeutic and preventive strategies that take into account the biochemical individuality of each person. Interventions in diet and other life-style conditions can help reduce the risk of these chronic diseases.

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