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Role of Bioactive Compounds in the Regulation of Mitochondria and Oxidative Stress and Their Therapeutic Potential as Anti-cancer Agents

Message from the Guest Editors

For the past two decades, bioactive compounds from plants, marine organisms, microorganisms, and endogenous factors have gained much attention in cancer treatment due to their significant efficacy and fewer adverse effects. In this context, recent research focused on the possibility of preventing or controlling cancer using bioactive compounds. Cancer is a leading cause of death in the world, accounting for about 10 million deaths in 2020. Chronic oxidative stress and inflammation have been implicated in the pathogenesis of several cancers. Cancer cells are known to manifest oxidative stress via abnormal energy metabolism including aerobic glycolysis (Warburg effect) or oxidative phosphorylation (OXPHOS) or both. Cancer metabolism-associated oxidative stress can account for cancer cells' survival and cell death; thus, the factors that regulate the homeostasis and/or dysregulation of oxidative signaling will be important biomarkers and therapeutic targets in cancer therapy. Therefore, bioactive compounds from natural herbs may alter the oxidative stress and the OXPHOS levels to interfere with the cancer formation, progression, or reoccurrence.

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