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Message from the Guest Editor

Photodynamic action, as originally defined, is oxygendependent action. Delta singlet oxygen (D1O2) is an extensively studied type II photodynamic action involving excited state molecular oxygen, and it is responsible for modulating numerous cellular functions, including cell secretion, muscle contraction, cellular signaling, cell death and senescence, autophagy, gene transcription and translation, development, and protein oxidation. Although photodynamic action has been extensively studied in the context of diagnosis and therapy in addition to as a research tool for teasing apart specific cellular and molecular details, studies aiming to define mechanisms of action at the cellular and molecular levels are scattered in the literature, in large numbers of journals and covering multiple disciplines. This Special Issue aims to call for a series of clearly defined cases of photodynamic modulation of biological activities.

The biological or enzyme-catalyzed generation, reaction, and quenching of delta singlet oxygen is of physiological and biochemical significance also of particular interest to this Special Issue.













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