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## Autophagy and Chronic Non Communicable Degenerative Diseases

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### Message from the Guest Editors

Autophagy is a major cellular homeostatic system, which acts as a pro-survival mechanism under conditions of stress, maintaining cellular integrity by regenerating metabolic precursors and clearing subcellular debris.

The repertoire of routine housekeeping functions exerted by autophagy includes the elimination of defective proteins and damaged organelles, the prevention of abnormal protein aggregates accumulation, which are linked to neurodegenerative diseases and other clinically relevant conditions, as well as the removal of intracellular pathogens.

In view of the key role of such functions in maintaining basal, cellular and tissue homeostasis, as well as developmental regulation in higher organisms, dysregulation of autophagy has been widely implicated in several pathophysiological processes, including cancer, metabolic and neurodegenerative disorders, cardiovascular and immune-mediated diseases and aging.

The aim of this special issue is to collect the current knowledge on autophagy and chronic non communicable degenerative diseases, we will welcome and take in consideration both review and original research articles on this specific topic.



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