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Nuclear Pore Complex in Nanomedicine: Third Edition

Message from the Guest Editor

Nuclear pore complexes (NPCs) serve as essential molecular "supply chain stations" within our cells, mediating selective macromolecule trafficking across the nuclear envelope. However, the precise phase state of the barrier, built from intrinsically disordered phenylalanine-glycine (FG) repeat proteins, remains enigmatic due to the limitations of current imaging and biochemical tools. Dysfunctional nucleoporins and NPCs have been implicated in an array of pathologies. Recently, NPC components have been recognized as regulators in broader cellular processes, including autophagy and programmed necrosis, with significant implications for innate and adaptive immunity. This makes NPC modulation a promising avenue for enhancing drug delivery systems (DDSs) or optimizing the efficacy of existing chemotherapeutics. Building on these advances, this third edition of the Special Issue continues to explore the intricate role of NPC homeostasis in nanomedicine development, inviting contributions that shed light on the mechanisms, functions, and potential therapeutic applications of NPCs.

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