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Autophagy Meets Aging 2025

Message from the Guest Editors

Aging is marked by multiple biological disarrangements that predispose older individuals to increased vulnerability to the development of chronic diseases and functional decline. Declines in autophagy and cellular quality control systems are advocated as being among pillars of the aging process by contributing to the accrual of intracellular "waste". Organelle-specific forms of autophagy have been identified. Due to the proinflammatory nature of some intracellular components, the coordinated activity of these recycling machinery is especially relevant for limiting inflamm-aging through efficient housekeeping. This Special Issue aims to gather contributions on age-related changes in autophagy and other cellular quality control processes from different, yet complementary, points of view, by convening clinicians and basic researchers working in the field of biogerontology in humans and pre-clinical models. If the molecular determinants of these changes were to be unveiled, innovative anti-aging remedies and personalized interventions targeting cellular quality control could be developed to extend both health- and lifespan.

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