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# **Advances in Annexin Biology**

## Message from the Guest Editors

Annexins are a protein family crucial for cell communication, adaptation, and environmental response. Binding cell membranes calciumdependently, they participate in cellular processes: inflammation, membrane repair, signal transduction, apoptosis, and cancer

development/differentiation/progression. Recent interest in annexins has grown due to their biological relevance and advances in high-res imaging, molecular biology, and gene editing. These advances turned annexins from obscure membrane proteins into dynamic regulators of key cellular processes. This understanding opens opportunities to investigate annexins as potential biomarkers/therapeutic targets in diseases with dysregulated expression/affected functions. Notably, they play emerging roles in tumor progression and mediating cancer cellmicroenvironment crosstalk (immune/stromal cells, extracellular matrix, soluble factors). Also, they regulate secretion of inflammatory mediators, extracellular vesicles (e.g., exosomes), and immune mechanisms in physiological/pathological systems. Influencing these routes, they help create a microenvironment supporting tumor growth, angiogenesis, and immune suppression.

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