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Thirty plus Years' Journey— Painting the Molecular Picture of E-C Coupling

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Over the past thirty-plus years, research in excitationcontraction (E-C) coupling has witnessed remarkable breakthroughs, revealing the molecular and mechanistic underpinnings of muscle contraction, cardiac function, and the genetic basis of diseases caused by dysregulation of the E-C coupling machinery. In this Special Issue, "Thirty Plus Years' Journey-Painting the Molecular Picture of E-C Coupling", we aim to celebrate the scientific journey that has led to our current understanding of E-C coupling. This issue will highlight multidisciplinary, team-based research efforts that continue to uncover the structural and functional frameworks essential for calcium signaling in muscle physiology and cardiovascular disease. We also seek to feature novel therapeutic strategies that offer promising avenues for the safe and effective treatment of related human diseases.

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