

## Special Issue

# Roles and Mechanisms of Ubiquitin Ligases (E3) and Deubiquitinases (DUBs)

### Message from the Guest Editors

Ubiquitin is a crucial post-translational protein, widely distributed in eukaryotic cells, which dynamically regulates proteins related to various cellular activities, such as signal transduction, cell cycles, inflammatory responses, autophagy, and apoptosis. It is worth noting that bacterial effector proteins would also target the host ubiquitin system, often acting as ubiquitin ligases and deubiquitinases. Understanding ubiquitination and deubiquitination is an important topic. However, the efficient and selective targeting of ubiquitin-proteasome remains a challenge. In this Special Issue of *Cells*, we would like to invite contributions addressing the roles and underlying mechanisms of ubiquitin ligases (E3) and deubiquitinases, and to offer new insights into this interesting and important research field. Original research papers, review articles, and novel methods that cover these topics or similar topics are welcome.

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