

Special Issue

Autophagy Lysosomal Pathway in Ocular Physiology and Pathophysiology

Message from the Guest Editor

Autophagy is a dynamic catabolic process by which cytosolic material, including organelles, proteins, and pathogens, are delivered to the lysosome for degradation by the action of lysosomal hydrolases. Autophagy occurs at basal levels in all cell types and is upregulated under stress conditions, as part of the adaptive cellular response to stress, providing protective functions during tissue injury. Dysregulation of the autophagy lysosomal pathway, either by overactivation or deficiency, is associated with an array of diseases and disorders. In the eye, autophagy has been shown to play a key role in an array of physiological functions, from development to aging in all ocular tissues, including lens, retina, outflow pathway, and cornea. This Special Issue of *Cells* is for contributions on autophagy and lysosomal pathways in the context of ocular physiology and pathophysiology. You are invited to submit your contributions in the form of original research articles, reviews, or shorter perspective articles. Relevant observations made at the cellular level could come from the following areas: autophagy lysosomes eye ocular diseases

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