Special Issue

Cardiac Fibroblast Signaling

Message from the Guest Editor

Despite once being considered as a relatively passive and unexciting cell type in the heart, the last two decades have seen a striking increase in research focused on cardiac fibroblasts. Indeed, cardiac fibroblasts are now known to be remarkably versatile, adaptable and phenotypically diverse cells that coordinate physiological cardiac function, as well as inflammatory, fibrotic and hypertrophic remodeling responses, through a complex array of intracellular and intercellular signaling mechanisms. Exploring the breadth and depth of these signaling networks is pivotal when it comes to increasing our understanding of the regulation of cardiac fibroblasts function, and for uncovering molecular targets for therapeutic exploitation to improve the lives of patients with heart disease. The aim of this Special Issue is to highlight new research focused on cardiac fibroblast signaling at both intracellular (e.g., receptors, ion channels, kinase cascades, transcriptional regulation) and extracellular (e.g., paracrine signaling, extracellular vesicles) levels.

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