Special Issue

Probing Growth during Health and Disease

Message from the Guest Editors

Strikingly, nature has been able to reproduce organism patterns, differing several orders of magnitude in size, throughout evolution. This fact has long been discussed, and it is widely agreed that cells within tissues build up successful organisms driven by growth and patterning "forces". These mechanisms run smoothly, but rebel cells can evade this hierarchy by losing their identity and acquiring uncontrolled proliferative behaviors in diseases such as cancer. In recent decades, key pathways regulating growth and patterning during health and disease have been described, although the mechanisms coordinating growth and patterning remain unclear. Future research efforts will need to bridge individual cell behavior with the tissue scale during development and disease. This Special Issue is an open multidisciplinary discussion aiming to bring together current knowledge of the mechanisms regulating growth, including research papers, reviews, and communications covering the cell biology aspects of growth in health and disease.

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