

Special Issue

Skeletal Muscle Atrophy: Mechanisms at a Cellular Level

Message from the Guest Editors

Skeletal muscles constitute the largest body organ, making up about half of a mammal's bodyweight. Several conditions, including neuromuscular disorders, aging, cancer, and those associated with toxins, can lead to losses in muscle mass and function. This acquired condition, referred to as muscle atrophy, is an emerging health concern and a burden for human health. The cellular and molecular factors involved in muscle atrophy are still relatively unknown, despite great effort being made over the last two decades to decipher the pathophysiological bases underlying muscle loss. A wide range of cellular and subcellular compartments, organelles, degradation pathways, molecular signaling networks and genes have been identified as critical players in the regulation of muscle mass and atrophy. This Special Issue of *Cells* aims to provide a general overview of the cellular and molecular mechanisms responsible for muscle atrophy and to stimulate the identification of novel strategies to tackle conditions or disorders associated with muscle loss.

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