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Genetics and Mechanistic Basis of Cardiomyopathies

Message from the Guest Editors

Cardiomyopathies, also known as heart muscle diseases, are a major cause of mortality and morbidity worldwide. There are two main subtypes of cardiomyopathy, namely hypertrophic cardiomyopathy (HCM) and dilated cardiomyopathy (DCM), which are caused by pathogenic variants in sarcomeric or non-sarcomeric genes. Advances in technology as well as our understanding of cardiac diseases in recent decades have led to an explosion in newly identified genetic variants linked to cardiomyopathies. Yet, the precise molecular mechanisms leading to myocardial destruction, remodeling, and impaired functional integrity of myocardium for many of these variants and, in particular, for non-sarcomere variants remain to be defined. Moreover, to move beyond simple detection and risk stratification toward treatment, knowledge of the detailed mechanisms by which pathogenic variants in both sarcomere and non-sarcomere proteins cause cardiomyopathies is desperately needed. Therefore, this Special Issue is focused on the genetic basis and molecular underpinnings of cardiomyopathies.

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