



Pannexin- and Connexin-Based Channels under Normal and Pathological Conditions

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Dear Colleagues,

Connexins and pannexins form non-selective membrane channels in most cell types. Few examples present only connexins or pannexins. Both channels are permeable to ions and small molecules and their expression and/or activity are elevated under physiological and pathological conditions. In several cases the first sign of an abnormal condition is the permeabilization of the cell membrane and reduction in membrane potential. To a great extent, these changes are explained by the upregulation or de novo expression of connexins and/or pannexins. Thus, channels formed by these proteins are potential therapeutic targets. In this Special Issue the role of these channels in the etiopathogenesis of several diseases is presented.

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