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Message from the Guest Editors

Dear Colleagues,

Platelets are small anucleated cytoplasmic fragments derived from large megakaryocytes residing in bone marrow that are primarily recognized for their fundamental role in haemostasis and thrombosis. In response to vascular injury, platelets quickly adhere to sub-endothelial matrix proteins, through specific adhesion-signalling receptors whose activation leads to a cascade of events resulting in platelet spreading, granule secretion, aggregation and clot retraction.

To date, a large body of evidence has highlighted the ability of platelets to act as multifunctional cells, which actively influence a widespread range of apparently unrelated patho-physiological events. Platelets, indeed, play a central role in inflammation, an underlying cause in several pathologies (among them cardiovascular disease, obesity. metabolic svndrome gastrointestinal and diseases) as well as in infection. cancer, neurodegeneration and other brain dysfunctions.













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