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Molecular Mechanisms and the Link Between Obesity, Diabetes and Inflammation

Message from the Guest Editors

Obesity and type 2 diabetes mellitus are considered a growing global health problem. They are now known to be major risk factors for chronic diseases, such as cardiovascular and metabolic diseases, which have become the main causes of morbidity and mortality in recent years. Obesity and diabetes are closely linked by a state of chronic low-grade inflammation that alters the insulin signaling pathway and leads to insulin resistance. Moreover, in recent years, there is evidence that a central role is played by the presence of dysfunctional adipose tissue, and several pathways that link the impairment of insulin resistance through obesityinduced inflammation have been identified, such as the activation of nuclear factor kappa B (NF-\B), cJun-Nterminal kinase (JNK), suppressor of cytokine signaling (SOCS) proteins, wingless-related integration site (Wnt), and Toll-like receptor (TLR) signaling pathways. This Special Issue focuses on investigating the link between metabolic alterations and chronic diseases and understanding how they perturb tissue function, leading to the detection of new molecules that can be used as biomarkers for novel therapeutic targets.

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