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Cross-Talk between Mitochondria and Proteasomes in Diseases

Message from the Guest Editor

The ubiquitin-proteasome system (UPS) and autophagy play a crucial role in the maintenance of protein homeostasis through their ability to eliminate damaged and misfolded proteins. In most eukaryotic cells, mitochondria form a dynamic network and are subject to continuous fission and fusion. Unopposed fission or fusion, in response to the deletion of specific factors, results in a reduction in mitochondrial functionality. The fusion of mitochondria promotes repair and complementation processes, while damaged mitochondria are segregated from the network by fission, promoting mitophagy. Imbalanced mitochondrial dynamics and function are crucial underlying mechanisms for cellular toxicity, also leading to proteasome overload and reduced proteasome function. On the other hand, proteasome impairment results in mitochondrial dysfunction. Thus, there is a mutual interdependence between mitochondrial and proteasomal function. In this Special Issue, advances will be presented in our understanding of the relationship between mitochondria and proteasomes, particularly focusing on their role in diseases and describing possible therapeutic strategies.

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