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Key Molecules in the Pregnancy

Message from the Guest Editors

Pregnancy is a complex biological process accompanied by hormonal and immunological changes. These changes also include molecules (e.g., cytokines), which maintain the delicate balance of maternal-fetal immune tolerance. The latest research has also revealed that noncoding RNAs (e.g., IncRNA-miRNA) form a crucial regulatory network to fine-tune the physiological processes of pregnancy. Furthermore, a number of molecules have been found to be useful biomarkers for predicting pregnancy complications, such as gestational diabetes mellitus and hypertensive disorders of pregnancy. These biomarkers could also reflect the effects of nutritional interventions during pregnancy. Therefore, this Special Issue aims to provide readers with the latest research developments concerning these key molecules, critical for a healthy pregnancy.

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