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# Nutrient Receptors: Sensing Mechanisms and Metabolic Impact

## Message from the Guest Editor

Beyond their established role in taste perception, nutrient-sensing G protein-coupled receptors (GPCRs) are increasingly being recognized as key modulators of peripheral metabolism. These receptors interact directly with dietary nutrients—including sugars, amino acids, lipids, and metabolites-to influence diverse physiological processes. However, their function outside the oral cavity remains unclear and significantly understudied. Notably, nutrient-sensing GPCRs are expressed in metabolically active tissues such as the intestine, pancreas, liver, adipose tissue, skeletal muscle, and even the brain, kidney, and immune cells. Their broad distribution suggests that they serve as integrative nodes that coordinate local and systemic responses to nutritional status. Emerging preclinical and clinical data have linked dysregulated nutrient-receptor signaling to obesity, insulin resistance, and other metabolic diseases. We welcome original research and reviews that explore how nutrient-specific or dietary signals acting through these receptors affect integrative physiology, as well as their specific roles in isolated tissues and cell types relevant to metabolic health and disease.

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