Special Issue

The Benefits of Prolonged Fasting: Improving Health Beyond Weight Loss

Message from the Guest Editor

We are pleased to announce the launch of our Special Issue, which examines the multifaceted health benefits of prolonged fasting protocols beyond simple weight loss. Existing clinical studies report a reduction in body weight of approximately 7%, with the concomitant preservation of muscle function and specific alterations in lipid metabolism, including optimized lipid trafficking and enhanced insulin sensitivity. Additional findings include improvements in clinical parameters such as glycaemia, insulinemia, blood pressure, and inflammatory markers. We invite contributions to bring together original research articles, systematic reviews, and expert commentaries that critically evaluate the underlying mechanisms and clinical implications of prolonged fasting. By integrating clinical data with mechanistic studies, the contributions offer a comprehensive assessment of how prolonged fasting may serve as a therapeutic strategy for metabolic disorders and age-related conditions. The aim is to provide a balanced and evidence-based discussion that informs future research and clinical applications in this emerging field.

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