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Vitamin D Receptor in Human Health and Disease

Message from the Guest Editor

Vitamin D is a seco-steroid hormone that has long been known for its important role in regulating body levels of calcium and phosphorus and in mineralization of bone. In recent decades, a number of basic and clinical studies have pointed to the important role that vitamin D plays in various physiological and pathological processes throughout the body. For instance, vitamin D has been involved in the regulation of vascular smooth muscle cell proliferation and calcification, in the modulation of the renin-angiotensin system and in cardiovascular health. There are also some studies showing that 1,25(OH)2D3 affects several major endocrine processes, such as TRH/TSH action and pancreatic insulin secretion with subsequent regulation of alucose homeostasis, and likewise regulates key hepatic genes affecting lipid metabolism. Therefore, vitamin D can be considered an essential nutrient affecting many pathways of mammalian homeostasis. This Special Issue invites original research and review papers on the role of vitamin D in health and disease.

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