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Glycative Stress and Anti-glycative Mechanisms in Aging and Age-Related Diseases

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Glycation is a non-enzymatic process by which sugars or sugar metabolites are covalently bound to proteins, lipids, and DNA. Glycated biomolecules are generated in hyperglycemic states, which occur in diabetes mellitus and upon the consumption of high-sugar diets in nondiabetics, particularly in older individuals. In order to combat glycative stress, there are different defense mechanisms against the accumulation of advanced glycation end products (AGEs). However, the age-related decline in the function of these activities results in glycative modification and damage upon aging and age-related diseases. Such damage may be etiologic for aging and agerelated diseases. Exploring the role of anti-AGEs mechanisms in different tissues/organs in the context of aging will help to elucidate the cellular basis of glycative stress in age-related diseases and inform the development of future therapeutic tools.



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