



Methionine Sulfoxide Reductases and Oxidative Damage

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Message from the Guest Editors

Oxidative damage is one of the hallmarks of aging and age-related diseases. Oxidative damage occurs due to an altered balance between reactive oxygen species (ROS) production and the level of the cellular protective mechanisms. One of the cellular repair mechanisms that protects oxidative damage to proteins is the methionine sulfoxide reductase system (Msr). Bacterial and animal cells lacking MsrA, and MsrA knockout mice, have been shown to be more sensitive to oxidative stress. Conversely, over-expression of MsrA renders cells more resistant to oxidative stress and MsrA overexpression in transgenic *Drosophila*, results in an increase in life span of the animals.

The goal of this special issue is to publish original research and review articles focusing on (1) the possible role of methionine oxidation and the Msr system in age related diseases, (2) activators of the Msr enzymes, (3) the regulation of protein function by methionine oxidation and reduction, (4) Msr as a target for cancer therapy and (5) the role of Msr system in pathogen virulence.





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