



## Modern Approaches in Cardiovascular Disease Therapeutics: From Molecular Genetics to Tissue Engineering

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### Message from the Guest Editors

Cardiovascular disease is a group of complex disorders which includes peripheral arterial disease, coronary heart disease, cerebrovascular disease and rheumatic heart disease. Each year, more than 800.000 bypass surgeries are performed. Additionally, it is speculated that more than 17 million of people are died due to CAD, which approximately represents the 31% of all deaths, worldwide.

The primary cause for the development of CAD is the atherogenesis and the developed atherosclerosis, which induces functional alterations to the vessels of the circulatory system. In this process, individual's genetic background may influence the progression of this disease. Understanding better the individual's genetic alterations, which are specific for the CAD initiation and progression, novel targets for advanced therapeutics may be revealed. Advanced approaches for CAD prevention also involve the use of suitable tissue engineered vascular grafts for bypass surgeries.

Modern approaches for CAD will consider individual's own characteristics, promoting in this way advanced personalized therapeutic strategies.

We look forward to receiving your valuable contributions.





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