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# The Many Faces of Autophagy: Balancing Survival and Cell Death

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This Special Issue aims to delineate apoptosis and autophagy as interconnected processes, even overlapping, aimed to signal pathways for final cell fate: the result of the interplay of different cell death programs. Autophagy classically functions to maintain cell health during stressful conditions by targeting cytosolic components for degradation and recycling via lysosomal pathways. However, accumulating evidence also supports roles for autophagy-related genes (ATGs) in non-degradative processes including cellular secretion. Furthermore it is mandatory focus on the interplay between the endocytic pathway and the autophagic pathway, underlining the emerging connections between autophagy and Ev secretion.













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