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# The Melanocortin System: From Ligands to Receptors and Accessory Systems

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Dear Colleagues,

The melanocortin system is a critical, complex biological system of peptide hormones produced from the precursor protein proopiomelanocortin (POMC), 5 G-protein coupled receptors MC1R, MC2R, MC3R, MC4R and MC5R, plus complex downstream signaling pathways that modulate and control many important biological processes in all animal species, including humans. These include pigmentation, feeding behavior, sexual temperature control, and many others that are still being discovered as well as many diseases associated with these functions. Original manuscripts and reviews dealing with all aspects of this system including ligand design, biological activities, and mechanisms from a chemical, biological, physical, pharmacological, physiological, or medical perspective are welcome.

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