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Recent Progress on Fibrosis and Cardiac Dysfunction

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Message from the Guest Editors

Dear Colleagues,

Cardiac fibrosis involves the thickening and stiffening of heart tissue due to excessive accumulation of extracellular matrix (ECM) components. This process disrupts the normal architecture and function of the myocardium, leading to cardiac dysfunction. Various factors, such as ischemic heart disease, hypertension, atrial fibrillation, and inflammatory diseases, can trigger the initial injury. In response, cardiac fibroblasts become activated and transform into myofibroblasts, producing excess ECM proteins. The accumulation of the ECM results in myocardial stiffening, disrupting the heart's normal electrical conduction and mechanical function.

Cardiac fibrosis is a critical area of research due to its significant impact on heart function and overall cardiovascular health. This Special Issue aims to highlight recent findings on how preventing fibrosis can help preserve cardiac function at both cellular and organismal levels. Additionally, we welcome contributions that explore innovative technologies and methodologies that could pave the way for new therapeutic approaches.



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