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Nuclear Lamina in Health and Disease

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Lamins are involved in regulating a multitude of cellular functions. These functions range from genome organization, DNA damage repair, chromosomal stability, gene expression, transcriptional regulation and the cell cycle. Considering the unique subcellular localization of nuclear lamins at the border of the nucleus and cytosol, lamins interact with proteins of the linker to nucleoskeleton and cytoskeleton (LINC) complex that, in turn, is closely associated with the cytoskeleton. Therefore, cells are remarkably sensitive to mechanical forces that emanate from its immediate outside environment that are relayed via integrins into the nuclear envelope and nuclear lamins. Interestingly, mutations in the LINC or lamins are associated with a plethora of diseases including cancers, ciliopathies, envelopopathies and laminopathies. Therefore, therapeutic approaches and targets to repair an injured nucleus are of paramount importance for cell survival.

This Special Issue on lamins in health and disease of the journal *Cells* presents a gamut of cutting-edge, state-of-the-art findings on the treasure trove that lamins beckon us to unravel.



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