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## Programmed Cell Death in Health and Disease

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Dear Colleagues,

Programmed cell death is an evolutionary conserved process characterized by the activation of intrinsic signaling programs that lead to cell self-destruction upon exposure to developmental or environmental stimuli. This cell death program was first identified in plants where it represents a crucial event for development and morphogenesis as well as a defense mechanism against infected or damaged cells. In animals, programmed cell death is involved in organogenesis, tissue remodeling, and homeostasis. Abnormal regulation of this program is associated with a plethora of human disorders, including developmental disorders, immunodeficiency, autoimmune diseases, neurodegeneration, and cancer. Notably, intrinsic resistance of cancer cells to programmed cell death contributes to their “bullet proof” characteristic against several chemotherapeutic drugs. This Special Issue of *Cells* welcomes original articles and reviews covering the broad spectrum of processes in which programmed cell death is involved, both in health and disease.



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