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Fibronectin in Health and Diseases

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Dear Colleagues,

Fibronectin is a large multimodular protein, which is incorporated in a fibrillar form in the extracellular matrix of almost every cell type. Fibronectin has been implicated in many diseases where such physiological processes are dysregulated.

The aim of this Special Issue is to summarize our current knowledge of the role of fibronectin in health and disease and highlight the underlying mechanisms at the cellular and molecular level. Emphasis will be given on the biochemical and mechanical forces that regulate fibronectin conformation, affect its binding partners, and lead to the activation of biochemical pathways that control cell behavior. Furthermore, an overview of the use of fibronectin in various therapeutic approaches will be given, especially the design of fibronectin-based scaffolds for tissue engineering applications. We hope that such a Special Issue will provide valuable information to the scientific community, help to identify open questions, and drive the field forward.

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