



Molecular Mechanisms of Cardiovascular Dysfunction and Implications in Anti-cancer Drug-Induced Cardiotoxicity

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Cardiovascular disease (CVD) remains the leading cause of morbidity and mortality in the 21st century. An emerging concern in recent years has been the contribution that anti-cancer drug-induced cardiotoxicity adds to the global burden of CVD. A variety of anti-cancer treatments can cause damage to the heart, resulting in tissue remodelling, contractile dysfunction and, in extreme cases, heart failure. So far, the molecular mechanisms underlying these drug-induced effects in both contractile and non-contractile cells of the heart remain unclear. Some of the key mechanisms that could be affected by anti-cancer agents include calcium signalling, pro-inflammatory signalling, mitochondrial function and cell metabolism. This Special Issue of *IJMS* offers a platform for high-quality publications exploring novel molecular mechanisms underlying anti-cancer drug-induced cardiotoxicity across different cell types of the heart. This is with a view to highlighting cellular targets that could be important for safety pharmacology in drug design going forward.





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