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Electrical Remodeling in Cardiac Disease

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Message from the Guest Editors

Heart disease remains the leading cause of death worldwide. The heart has an amazing capacity to adapt to functional impairment through structural, mechanical, and electrical remodeling processes that, within certain limits, compensate for compromised function but may eventually become deleterious. The mechanisms by which electrical remodeling may lead to malignant arrhythmia are poorly understood. In order to provide better risk prediction for arrhythmic events in cardiac disease, we need to advance our understanding of electrical remodeling at the molecular, cellular, and whole-organ level in the context of different cardiac pathologies. This can be achieved by analyzing multiple sites of remodeling, including voltage-, ligand- and mechano-gated channels, cellular Ca2+ homeostasis. cell-cell interactions, and implications of fibrosis. The purpose of this Special Issue of Cells is to assemble a collection of articles addressing general mechanisms of electrical remodeling in the context of cardiac disease. Hope to offer inspiration for the of better protection against lethal development arrhythmias.



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