



## Development in Early Life Periods and Chronic Diseases in Fetal/Neonate Origins

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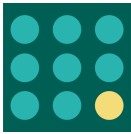
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### Message from the Guest Editor

In the last three to four decades, pathophysiological, molecular, and epigenetic mechanisms have been intensively explored to explain why and how environmental, maternal, or in utero conditions can impact health and diseases in the offspring. These kinds of perinatal influence could have a long-term impact on cardiovascular, immune, nervous, and other systems or organs, affecting the health of not only young adults but also old offspring. In those affected babies or neonates, perinatal imprinting or subtle changes may show their effects through an increased risk in the development of various chronic diseases in adulthood. On other side, the progress of research in adult diseases of developmental origins also continuously provides novel information and new mechanisms for many chronic diseases, which has opened opportunities for personalized medicine, as well as personalized early prevention of certain chronic diseases of developmental origins. This Special Issue welcomes manuscripts on etiology, pathophysiology, and molecular biology related to “Developmental origins of Health and Diseases (DOHaD)” in both human and animal models.





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