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Plasma Membrane Lipid Domains As a Favorable Environment for Protein:Lipid Interactions?

Message from the Guest Editor

The surface of living cells contributes to the regulation of solute influx and efflux, signal transduction, lipid metabolism and trafficking. To fulfill these roles, the cell surface must be tough and plastic. This is why cell membranes exhibit such a large variety of lipids and why some lipids cluster into membrane domains [...]. One challenge is to determine how membrane biophysical properties and extrinsic factors could contribute to protein confinement in domains. Another, is to evaluate whether proteins localize in the resting state into domains that are needed for their primary activation or whether proteins are able to recruit specific lipids in their surrounding environment, forming domains with appropriate biophysical properties. In this Special Issue, thanks to the integration of theoretical work on model membranes and living cells, we expect to shed new light on various aspects of protein activity through their confinement in, or exclusion from, plasma membrane domains.

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