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Trends in Obesity Research and Anti-Obesity Therapeutics

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The obese population is increasing rapidly worldwide. In 2016, more than 1.9 billion adults were overweight, of which more than 650 million were obese. Obesity is a main cause of cardiovascular disease, diabetes, musculoskeletal disease, and some types of cancer. The increase in obesity reduces quality of life and increases medical and social costs. In order to solve these problems, the prevention of obesity and the development of effective novel drug treatments are essential. On the other hand, safe and effective surgical and drug treatment methods for obesity have not been established so far. Currently, intensive studies are being conducted for the understanding of the cause and mechanism in developing obesity and the approaches for its prevention and treatment. This Special Issue focuses on the latest research on the identification of molecular targets, nutritional and environmental factors causing obesity, and the development of various pharmacotherapeutics including small molecules, biologics, and cell therapy and their pharmacological, pharmacokinetics and formulation studies.

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