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RESEARCH AREA

Functional and morphological changes within mitochondria and their altered interaction with other organelles are suggested to play a critical role in the pathogenesis of various diseases associated with life-threatening organ dysfunction. Some of them, such as sepsis and ischaemia/reperfusion-induced injury (I/R) have more recently become an intensively developing field of basic research. Our main purpose is to investigate the underlying mitochondrial and cellular mechanisms involved in the corresponding animal model of diseases.

TECHNIQUES AVAILABLE IN THE LAB

Preparation of intact mitochondria/tissue homogenates from various tissues/organs of laboratory animals (e.g., liver, small intestine, kidney and brain), evaluation of cellular respiratory function and states using high-resolution respirometry (OROBOROS O2k), simultaneous monitoring of changes in mitochondrial membrane potential (safranin fluorescence), mitochondrial reactive oxygen species (HRP/Amplex UltraRed assay) and calcium-flux (Calcium Green-5N fluorescence). Assessment of oxidative and nitrosative stress markers.

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