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The purpose of this issue is to highlight the current status of obesity research; global trends, economic burden, implications for chronic disease, and the role of biochemical and genetic markers in understanding the pathophysiology and guiding therapy for obesity. Particular attention will be directed toward recent findings that address well-documented challenges to identifying and implementing effective obesity prevention and treatment strategies.

**Potential topics of interest include:**

**Population Perspectives**
- National and global trends in obesity
- Economic burden and impact of obesity
- Obesity policies and population-level interventions

**Translational Research**
- Role of biomarkers in understanding the pathophysiology of obesity
- Molecular and biochemical aspects of obesity
- Microbiome and obesity
- Role of neuropeptides in appetite regulation
- Role of ‘omics in diet and nutrition assessment
- Genetics of obesity

**Association with Health Risks**
- Childhood obesity
- Psychological aspects of obesity
- Cardiometabolic consequences of obesity
- Diabetes, metabolic syndrome, and obesity
- Cancer and obesity

**Clinical Intervention Strategies**
- Lifestyle interventions (behavioral approaches, diet, physical activity)
- Pharmacotherapy
- Surgery (including metabolic effects of bariatric surgery)

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