

Matricellular CCN proteins

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The matricellular CCN proteins constitute a new family of proteins with features of signaling regulators (for a recent review see Holbourn et al. TIBS Oct 2008). Since these proteins interact with a handful of ligands, receptors and regulators of cell proliferation and differentiation, it became obvious that their functions are closely related to those of several other families of key regulatory proteins. Hence our desire to expand the scope of JCCS and open our readership to all colleagues interested in intracellular and/or extracellular signaling.

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