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in a number of diseases. This raises the question of their direct role in pathogenesis as well as their possible use as biomarkers. This book stems from the first international meeting on ""Microvesicles and Nanovesicles in Health and Disease"" held at Magdalen College, Oxford, in 2010. The purpose of t