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lifespan, stimulates autophagy, and especially the autophagic elimination of mitochondria, in order to significantly extend yeast chronological lifespan. Bareja et al. discuss the signaling pathways a ecting aging and how they can be beneficially manipulated starting from something as simple as increased exercise. A master regulator of nutrient sensing is mTOR, and Schmeisser and Parker discusses how interfering with this particular signaling pathway can have very complicated e ects. At another level, autophagy is a major pathway counteracting the accumulation of damaged (and damaging) material in cells as a function of age. Such material can be dysfunctional mitochondria, accumulated lipids and, in