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Post-Transcriptional Control of Stem Cell Fate and Neural Development

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Post-transcriptional regulation, including alternative splicing, RNA editing, mRNA stability, subcellular localization, and translational control, plays a pivotal role in orchestrating dynamic gene expression during development. These finely tuned mechanisms ensure the timely production of functional gene products essential for cell fate decision and proper developmental progression. This Special Issue consolidates recent advances that elucidate how posttranscriptional processes govern stem cell fate decisions and developmental trajectories, with particular emphasis on nervous system development. We further examine how disruptions in these regulatory networks contribute to compromised stem cell function, dysregulated neurogenesis, and the pathogenesis of neurological disorders. Collectively, these contributions highlight the fundamental importance of posttranscriptional control networks in determining cellular identity and orchestrating developmental programs. This Special Issue welcomes reviews and original research articles that work on cells and animal model studies.

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