

## Special Issue

# Epigenetics and DNA Repair: Regulatory Mechanisms and Therapeutic Opportunities

### Message from the Guest Editor

In eukaryotic cells, DNA damage occurs in chromatin, a DNA–protein complex that strongly compacts DNA. The packaging of DNA in chromatin creates a strong barrier against DNA–damage–response proteins that must interact with DNA to prevent mutations and cell death. Therefore, during DNA repair, chromatin’s structure is extensively and reversibly modified by factors such as chromatin remodelers, histone variants, and histone post-translational modifications ensure access of the regulatory proteins and DNA repair machinery to their DNA targets. The epigenetic factors that modulate the chromatin environment strongly contribute to an efficient DNA damage response. This highly dynamic process of DNA repair in the chromatin environment is essential for the functioning and survival of the cell. In this Special Issue of *Cells*, we invite researchers to present original studies and state-of-the-art reviews on the mechanisms and regulation of DNA repair in a chromatin environment, and to discuss their data and opinions.

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