Special Issue

Control of Gene Expression by Transcription and Co-transcriptional Processes in Cell Homeostasis and Cell Fate Specification

Message from the Guest Editor

The first and rate-limiting process in gene expression is transcription, in which RNA polymerase synthesizes RNA from a DNA template. In eukaryotes, RNA polymerase II (Pol II) transcribes all protein-coding and various non-coding RNA genes. All Pol II-transcribed nascent RNAs need to be further processed and modified to become mature functional RNAs.

In the past two decades, increasing evidence has revealed that transcription is intimately coupled with RNA processing and nucleosomal histone modification through extensive interaction networks. Understanding the molecular and the biological significance of these co-transcriptional processes is essential for deciphering gene control mechanisms in cell homeostasis and cell-fate specification. The Special Issue focuses on gene expression control by transcription and co-transcriptional processes such as RNA processing, RNA modification, RNA structural folding, R-loop formation, RNA degradation, RNP formation, histone modification, chromatin remodeling, heterochromatin formation, and liquid-liquid phase separation. We welcome submissions in the form of original research articles, brief reports, reviews, opinions, and methodology reports.

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