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Evolutionary Genetics of Gene Expression

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Changes in gene expression can generate phenotypic diversity within and between species and, thus, play an important role in evolution. The expression of a gene may be influenced by various genetic events, including point mutations, insertions/deletions, transposable element mobilizations, gene duplications, and chromosomal rearrangements. Furthermore, mutations altering gene expression may be linked to the affected gene, such as changes to transcriptional enhancers (*cis*-regulation), or may occur elsewhere in the genome and exert their effects through gene regulatory networks (*trans*-regulation). In this Special Issue, we aim to publish review and original research papers that address the evolution of gene regulation using molecular evolutionary, population genetic, or functional genomic methods. In particular, we encourage submissions that address the genetic basis of gene expression variation, how it influences an organismal phenotype, and how it responds to natural selection.



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