

# Special Issue

## Roles of RNAs in Biology

### Message from the Guest Editor

RNA plays a broad range of roles in cellular processes. These include controlling gene expression, transferring information from genomic DNA to protein molecules, mediating molecular interactions, and catalyzing chemical reactions. In the human genome, tens of thousands of RNA sequences do not translate into proteins but help regulate gene expression at transcriptional and post-transcriptional levels. Recent advances in genomic technologies have revealed that RNA-based gene regulation by different classes of non-coding RNAs is involved in almost every aspect of biology, including development, disease progression, and pathogenesis.

This Special Issue welcomes reviews and research articles on a broad range of issues within RNA biology. We will consider manuscripts on topics including, but not limited to, studies on the ways RNAs influence gene expression, the characterization of function for different classes of RNAs in cellular development, the role of RNAs in disease, the functions of various types of non-coding RNAs, and especially the identification and characterization of the role of non-coding regulatory RNAs and their regulatory networks.

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