

Special Issue

Environmentally Induced Genomic Instability

Message from the Guest Editors

Induced genomic instability (IGI) evidently plays a role in environmentally induced cancer. IGI is a concept describing the delayed damage that can be observed many cell generations after exposure in the non-exposed progeny of exposed cells as increased mutation frequency, apoptosis, chromosomal aberrations, micronuclei, and other damage. As carcinogenesis requires the accumulation of multiple genetic changes, IGI has a central importance in the development of cancer. Although the maintenance of genome stability is crucial for the well-being of higher organisms, IGI has also been seen as a resource for evolution and a mechanism of adaptation. This Special Issue aims to present novel insights into IGI, including its initiation by different environmental agents, how IGI is transmitted epigenetically, and what kinds of consequences IGI may have in living organisms.

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