

Special Issue

Small Non-coding RNAs in Normal Physiology, Development and Diseases

Message from the Guest Editors

Small non-coding RNAs are a rapidly expanding family that play key regulatory roles in shaping various cellular activities, including development, normal physiology and diseases. Since their discovery in 1993, a significant number of small non-coding RNA classes have been identified, such as microRNAs (miRNAs), PIWI-interacting RNAs (piRNAs) and small non-coding RNAs, that are derived from tRNAs and rRNAs. The applications of high-throughput approaches have made great contributions to the discovery of new small non-coding RNAs in different species, tissues and cell types, and have aided in profiling small non-coding RNA dynamics in various biological/pathological processes. This Special Issue, “Small Non-coding RNAs in normal physiology, development and diseases”, aims to provide readers with recent advances in small non-coding RNA research. We welcome comprehensive reviews and original research manuscripts covering topics including, but not limited to, the discovery of new small non-coding RNA species, and research on the functions and mechanisms of small non-coding RNAs in regulating normal physiological processes, development and diseases.

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