



## Anti-viral Therapy for Chronic Hepatitis

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### Message from the Guest Editor

Persistent hepatitis B virus (HBV) and hepatitis C virus (HCV) infection is a major health problem worldwide. Approximately 400 and 170 million people are globally infected with HBV and HCV, respectively, and they are at significantly increased risk of developing cirrhosis and hepatocellular carcinoma. Antiviral therapy for HBV and HCV has been revolutionized in the past decade. Recent advances in antiviral agents provide satisfactory treatment efficacy and tolerability. Nucleotide/nucleoside analogues effectively suppress HBV replication, and direct-acting antivirals achieve almost 100% HCV eradication. However, several issues remain to be solved: hard-to-cure populations, resistance to antivirals, post-treatment hepatocarcinogenesis, regression of hepatic fibrosis, long-term prognosis, and others. This Special Issue of the *International Journal of Molecular Sciences* entitled “Anti-Viral Therapy for Chronic Hepatitis” is focused on the molecular aspect of antiviral therapy and its consequences in patients with chronic hepatitis B and C.





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