

# Special Issue

## RNAi in Insect Physiology

### Message from the Guest Editors

Since the discovery of the role of dsRNA to trigger gene silencing in nematodes in 1998, RNA interference (RNAi) has evolved into a potent tool for gene functional studies in fundamental research. In this process, long double-stranded RNA (dsRNA) molecules are processed into small interfering RNAs (siRNAs) that carry out specific gene silencing via hybridization to complementary target viral and cellular RNAs. In addition to siRNAs, microRNAs (miRNAs) and PIWI-interacting RNAs (piRNAs) act as participants in distinct RNAi pathways. All three small RNA pathways collectively contribute to gene silencing effects in eukaryotic cells. Importantly, due to the specific gene silencing mechanism, RNAi has recently been adopted as a novel pest control approach. This Special Issue invites contributions on various facets of RNAi research in insects, with a particular focus on gene functional studies and pest control applications. Both original research articles and literature reviews are welcome to showcase advancements in RNAi research in the field of entomology.

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