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Origin of Cellular Life

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The present Special Issue, edited by and , will focus on processes by which organic compounds and products of prebiotic polymerization reactions can undergo self-assembly into encapsulated systems. These systems are referred to as protocells, and are capable of energy-dependent polymerization processes, as well as growth of their membranous boundaries. Such systems are now at the cutting edge of current research, with a real potential to become the first form of artificial life to be demonstrated in the laboratory.

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