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HIV and Viral Hepatitis Prevention, Treatment and Coinfection, 2nd Edition

Message from the Guest Editors

Hepatitis C is a disease caused by HCV that infects the liver and causes inflammation. On the other hand, HIV progressively attacks and weakens the immune system, destroys CD4 cells and ultimately leads to AIDS, increasing vulnerability to opportunistic infections. According to the WHO, 37.7 million people live with HIV and approximately 600,000 people die from HIV-related causes each year. As HCV and HIV share transmission routes, a large proportion of HCV-infected individuals are also coinfecting with HIV. HIV/HCV coinfection increases the morbidity and mortality of patients with HIV due to the more aggressive progression of fibrosis and liver cirrhosis in coinfecting individuals. For this Special Issue, we invite contributors to submit research on discovering drugs with novel mechanisms of action, developing vaccines with the capacity to generate humoral immunity (for example, stimulating naive B cells in large populations to induce broadly neutralizing antibodies based on HIV Env or HCV E2) or different formulations (i.e., microbicides), to provide effective tools in the treatment, prevention, and eradication of these viruses.

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