# **Special Issue**

# Host Targeted Therapeutics against Virus Infections

## Message from the Guest Editors

The current Covid-19 pandemic and the frequent emergence and re-emergence of novel viruses highlights the urgent need for effective antivirals. The fact that every virus needs host cells to replicate sparked increasing interest in host-directed drugs that act as antivirals (host-targeted antivirals, HTA), While this approach had been heavily debated 20 years ago, the idea to target host functions for antiviral therapy was boosted due to technical developments such as cellomics approaches and has now become widely accepted. (inhibitors of cell signaling pathways have received special attention in this respect). In this Special Issue, we want to summarize the latest findings in this field and would like to encourage research groups working on host-targeted antivirals to submit their latest findings.

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