

Special Issue

IFN-Independent ISG Expression and Its Role in Antiviral Cell-Intrinsic Innate Immunity

Message from the Guest Editors

This Special Issue of *Viruses* will explore the impact of VSGs on the outcome of virus infection and of the role of these genes within the infected cells and organism. We will also focus on the most recent discoveries in VSG research, including the molecular biology of related virus–host interactions. Topics may include studies on various steps of gene induction, virus adaptation to VSGs, innate immune responses to virus infection, and mechanisms of virus immune evasion of related host defense pathways. The clinical presentation of VSG-driven pathology and strategies to use VSGs to cure chronic viral infections will also be a focus. In this Special Issue, we hope to assemble a collection of research papers/reviews that together will offer a comprehensive view on VSGs. Topics can include any aspects of VSGs and related biology; however, priority will be given to publications that utilize primary or iPSC derived-cells and/or patient samples/mouse models to validate data from in vitro studies. Dr. Emmanuel Thomas

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