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Baculovirus Advances and Applications

Message from the Guest Editors

It is now more than 30 years since the use of baculoviruses as expression vectors was first described. Since then, many hundreds, if not thousands, of genes have been expressed in insect cells using the baculovirus system. Advances have been made to enable multiple genes to be expressed that can assemble into protein complexes including virus-like particles. High yields of quality proteins including those targeted to membranes or for secretion can be attained. The vectors have also been modified to facilitate gene expression in mammalian and human cells. These developments have enabled the insect expression system to be at the forefront of developments to produce new vaccines for human and animal health, and as a vector for the delivery of genes into human tissue. It is these developments that form the focus of this Special Issue.

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