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Molecular Biology of RNA Viruses

Message from the Guest Editors

RNA viruses infect humans, animals, plants, and other microorganisms, and medically and agriculturally important RNA viruses have caused immeasurable health problems and socioeconomic losses worldwide. RNA viruses are diverse mostly in their genomic organization but commonly use error-prone RNA dependent RNA polymerase for their genome replication. Understanding the molecular virology of RNA viruses is vitally important for the study of the viral life cycle, which is a sophisticated landscape of virushost interactions, and will lay the foundation for the development of strategies of therapeutics, prevention and control. Research on the molecular biology of RNA viruses has achieved great progression, especially in animal and human pathogenic RNA viruses. Scientists worldwide have developed new technologies or adopted state-of-the-art technology and interdisciplinary concepts to study RNA viruses. Accumulating research outcomes have rapidly improved our understanding of the molecular biology of RNA viruses.

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