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De Novo Drug Design for Emerging and Reemerging Viruses

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Dear Colleagues For emerging and re-emerging viruses that are zoonotic in origin, de novo drug design targeting viral proteins and viral life cycles provides an efficient approach to inhibit virus replication and therefore cure the disease. A greater understanding of the basic virology of these viruses, including virus entry, cellular receptors, virus–cell fusion, viral RNA or DNA synthesis and duplication, and virus assembly and release, has resulted in many successful antiviral drugs in the last 20 years. This Special Issue is designed to provide an up-to-date review of the latest progress and technologies in de novo drug design (such drugs can be small molecular, peptides, antibodies, etc.) for emerging and re-emerging viruses targeting viral or host proteins based on their protein structures or their unique functions in the viral life cycle.

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