Special Issue

Transcription and Replication of the Negative-Strand RNA Viruses

Message from the Guest Editors

The viral RNA of negative-strand RNA viruses is always bound to the nucleoprotein (N), creating a helical or double-helical structure (nucleocapsid). Last year, we made a call for manuscripts on the biochemistry and structure of the nucleocapsids of Paramyxoviruses. This year, the call will be on the biochemistry and structure of the transcription and replication of all negative-stand RNA viruses, including influenza, bunyaviruses and Mononegavirales, others like measles, respiratory syncytial, Ebola, rabies/VSV and Borna-viruses. This call for manuscripts concentrates on the structure and biochemistry of RNA and proteins in the nucleocapsid, N, P and polymerase (L), shorter proteins from the gene of P (V and C), and all cellular proteins that bind to these viral proteins and complexes. Recently, N and P have also been shown to form liquid-like, membrane-less compartments which comprise different components of the viral replication complex, forming so-called viral factories. LLPS could also provide protection of the viral RNA and associated RNA transcription machinery from the innate immune system. We are interested in potential manuscripts relating to these findings.

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