



Viruses in Cancer Etiology

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Dear Colleagues,

Around 10 to 20% of human cancers are caused by oncogenic viruses. At least seven viruses—Epstein–Barr virus, human papillomavirus, human T-cell lymphotropic virus, hepatitis B and C viruses, Kaposi's sarcoma herpesvirus, and Merkel cell polyomavirus—have well-established roles in cancer progression.

Other viruses, usually not viewed as oncogenic, have been connected to human malignancies. Almost half of human cancers have somatic retrotranspositions of long interspersed nuclear elements (Line1)—a repetitive element resembling retroviruses—and Line1-driven retrotransposition is a documented source of complex structural genomic aberrations and mutations in esophageal, head and neck, lung, and other tumors.

The infectious nature of oncogenic viruses differentiates them from other common causes of cancer and creates opportunities for exclusive anti-cancer treatments and cancer prevention.

In this Special Issue, we welcome basic, translational, and clinical research papers and comprehensive reviews, in the field of virus-associated cancer.

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