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# **Viral Proteins for Synthetic Biology**

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## Message from the Guest Editor

Dear Colleagues,

The aim of this Special Issue is to offer an opportunity to collect the newest contributions in the field of biologically active viral proteins.

Synthetic biology underlies the possibility to control cells by introducing new molecules and networks. The aim of this Special Issue is to facilitate the exchange of information and promote scientific and technical knowledge relating to viruses that normally live in and among us for genetic blueprints that enable them to make biologically active molecules. These proteins may act as powerful tools for controlling cell biology and serve as the basis for developing new therapeutic drugs against different human diseases, including cancer. Viral proteins with novel functions will greatly improve the mechanistic knowledge about their activity and help us to design small, simple, and non-immunogenic polypeptides that are still able to achieve the desired biological activity. These minimalist proteins or peptides will represent future drugs to be used in humans.

All researchers working in the field are cordially invited to contribute with original research papers or propose reviews to this Special Issue of *Cells*.













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