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Epigenome, Epitranscriptome and Single Cell Analysis in Cell Fate Choice

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Message from the Guest Editors

The importance of analyzing these modifications at the single cell level is rapidly emerging as a revolutionary research area. Similarly, understanding the function and mechanisms of the dynamic RNA modifications, which are termed “RNA epigenetics”, represents a new challenge at the frontier between different disciplines. Reversible RNA modifications add a new dimension to the developing picture of post-transcriptional regulation of gene expression. This new dimension awaits integration with transcriptional regulation (i.e., DNA modifications), to decipher the multi-layered information that controls a plethora of biological functions. The epitranscriptome includes all the biochemical modifications of the RNA (the transcriptome) within a cell. Thus, in the era of advanced technologies, the exciting next step is to move from mapping nucleotide modifications to understanding how they contribute to biological processes.

- Dynamic DNA and RNA modifications;
- Decoding the function of DNA and RNA modifications;
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