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Message from the Guest Editors

Transfer RNA aminoacylation reactions, as catalyzed by the aminoacyl-tRNA synthetases (aaRSs), are some of the most well-understood enzyme-catalyzed reactions as they have been studied for over half a century. More recently, it has become clear that the aaRSs are involved in many processes outside of tRNA aminoacylation, including bacterial persistence, tRNA transport, and angiogenesis, to name but a few. In some cases, these noncanonical roles impact translational accuracy and efficiency, but in others, they are completely orthogonal to protein biosynthesis. Additionally, the list of macromolecules (proteins, DNA, RNA, etc.) that interact with aaRSs (the aaRS interactome) continues to grow, revealing a web of additional possible alternative functions. Novel species-specific features of aaRSs and related processes may inform our understanding of pathogenicity and be attractive for therapeutic targeting.

This Special Issue will focus on the aaRSs and their interaction partners, with an emphasis on their roles beyond direct tRNA aminoacylation. We invite submissions of reviews, research articles, and short communications on topics related to these noncanonical functions.



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