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Message from the Guest Editors

This Special Issue of *Molecules* is dedicated to Prof. Dr. Erik De Clercq on the occasion of his 80th anniversary. Professors Libor Grubhoffer and Masanori Baba, along with the Editors of *Molecules*, invite scientists to join us in celebrating Prof. Dr. Erik De Clercq's exceptional achievements by contributing original research articles as well as reviews.

Prof. De Clercq holds an Honorary Doctorate from the Universities of Ghent, Athens, Ferrara, Shandong, Prague (Charles), Česke Budějovice, Tours, and Hull and is an honorary citizen of the town of Hamme (Belgium). He was named inventor of the year in 2008 (EU), and Laureate of the Dr. Paul Janssen Prize in 2010. He is best known for his co-invention (together with Dr. Antonín Holy) of the anti-HIV drug, tenofovir. Prof. De Clercq has taught courses in Microbiology (Virology) and Biochemistry at KU Leuven and KU Leuven Campus Kortrijk. Since 2006, he has been serving as Emeritus Professor at the KU Leuven, but has continued teaching, since 2007 until today.



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