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Human T-cell Leukemia Virus Type 1 (HTLV-1)

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Human T-cell leukemia virus type 1 (HTLV-1) as the only oncogenic human retrovirus, is the infectious cause of several different diseases, including an aggressive CD4+ T-cell malignancy called adult T-cell leukemia/lymphoma (ATL) and a progressive neurodegenerative disease known as HTLV-1-associated myelopathy/tropical spastic paraparesis (HAM/TSP). Disease progression occurs after a prolonged clinical latency period in a subset of infected individuals and there is currently no approved vaccine or long-term effective treatment for HTLV-1 diseases. In infected individuals, HTLV-1 is maintained as a persistent viral infection through clonal expansion of infected T-cell clones. Several key viral factors (Tax, Hbz) have been shown to promote transformation and maintain the proliferative advantage of infected cells. Despite decades of research, a complete understanding of viral transformation and pathogenesis remains understudied and not well understood. This Special Issue invites basic research manuscripts and reviews focused on HTLV-1 disease development, disease progression, pathogenesis, cellular transformation, and immune evasion/regulation.



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