



Hepatitis C Virus: From Discovery to Nobel Prize

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The aim of this Special Issue of *Viruses* aims to present up-to-date reviews of different aspects of chronic hepatitis C, after the discovery of hepatitis A virus, hepatitis B virus, hepatitis delta virus, and hepatitis E virus. Their epidemiology, as well as their pathogenesis, have been studied in great detail. The cause of the non-A and non-B post-transfusion hepatitis, however, remained an enigma until the hepatitis C virus was discovered in 1989 by M. Houghton and collaborators, followed by the rapid development of HCV-specific serological and molecular diagnostic assay systems, including HCV genotyping.

Our ability to effectively treat chronic viral hepatitis C has resulted in better control of this infection. It is now possible to prevent hepatitis B but not hepatitis C and to cure hepatitis C, with the perspective to meet the World Health Organization goal of elimination of HCV infection by 2030. Unfortunately, there is no vaccine available to date.





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