



Hepatitis B Virus Research in Italy: From Epidemiology to Treatment

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Message from the Guest Editor

More than fifty years since the discovery of the Australian antigen, hepatitis B virus (HBV) infection still represents a continuous challenge. Vaccination against HBV has represented a milestone for the control of this devastating disease, and there is optimism for new effective drugs for the treatment of hepatitis B.

This Special Issue titled “Hepatitis B virus research in Italy: from epidemiology to treatment” will include a range of invited articles from Italian researchers. Italy was the first country to adopt a peculiar model of HB vaccination policy, which has nearly eliminated the acute infection. Moreover, important insights have been provided from Italian researchers on the epidemiology, prevention, natural history, diagnostics, and treatment of HBV infection.

Articles in this Issue will deal with these topics with the collaboration of Italian researchers who have greatly improved the worldwide knowledge regarding HBV infection. Finally, an article will deal with major negative side effect of the existence of HBsAg(i.e. HDV), first discovered in Italy in the second half of the 1970s by Rizzetto et al.





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