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Gene Editing for Therapy and Reverse Genetics of Blood Diseases

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Message from the Guest Editor

Gene editing is increasingly taking center stage for both basic research and translational studies. The key driver of this development is the rapidly growing adoption of editing technology and, in particular, fast-evolving RNA-guided CRISPR/Cas tools, which, with their versatility and ease of use, have facilitated the development of double-strand-break-independent editors and the exploration of new fields of application. In particular blood biology and disorders are a favorite focus of gene editing, motivated by a relatively high prevalence of monogenic, infectious and complex diseases affecting blood cells, and helped by the accessibility of hematopoietic stem and progenitor cells for manipulation.

This Special Issue aims to showcase the application of gene editing technology in therapy development and research for blood diseases. We welcome Articles, Communications and Reviews providing new insights into (i) developmental and disease mechanisms; (ii) the establishment or study of disease models; (iii) the creation of new editing platforms and molecules for diagnosis, functional study or therapy; (vi) the refinement of corresponding delivery, targeting and culture procedures.



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