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Mechanisms of DNA Damage, Repair and Mutagenesis

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It is well known that DNA damage may affect the development and differentiation process in all living organisms leading to death, increased cellular heterogeneity, premature senescence, or uncontrolled, abnormal growth of cells. The stability of the genome is strictly related to the activity of mechanisms able to detect and repair DNA breaks, damaged or incompletely replicated DNA or DNA sequence mismatches and mutation. In this Special Issue of *Genes*, we welcome reviews, new methods, original research articles, and communications that advance our understanding of all aspects of mechanisms of DNA damage, repair, and mutagenesis from evolutionary aspects to biological, medical, and biotechnological implications. While the mechanisms involved in the maintenance of telomere, rDNA, centromere, and heterochromatin will be of special interest, we are open to any advancement exploring the genome structural variation, chromosomal aberrations, including aneuploidy as well as molecular epidemiology and mechanisms of genotoxicity.



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