



## Cellular Factors in HBV and HDV Replication and Pathogenesis

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### Message from the Guest Editors

Dear Colleagues,

Replication of both viruses requires obligatory cellular factors in the host machinery. Cellular factors that have been identified play cooperative and restrictive roles in HBV replication. However, those in the steps of e.g., nuclear import of nucleocapsids, formation and transcription of covalently closed circular DNA, are largely uncharacterized. HDV is a defective RNA virus with a viroid-like RNA genome for replication. It also requires compulsory HBV envelope proteins in the same cell for virion assembly. Both HBV and HDV share some factors in their replication and pathogenesis, but each of them hijacks a number of virus-specific factors.

Ten years since the discovery of the functional HBV and HDV receptor NTCP, this is an exciting opportunity to further promote HBV and HDV research. This Special Issue aims to update recent advances in (I) novel cellular factors (e.g., proteins, RNA), (II) the new role of previously reported factors in HBV and HDV replication and pathogenesis, and (III) host determinants allowing better in vitro and in vivo infection models.





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