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Viral take-over of cellular processes

The Weitzman lab studies the interactions between virus and host to understand fundamental cellular processes. Using human DNA viruses as model systems, the group is in particular interested in - how the human genome does maintain its integrity despite viral genetic attacks? Investigating the DNA damage machinery during infection with multiple viruses has shown that viral genomes are a direct threat to the host genome. Consequently, the cellular DNA damage response is activated as a defense. The Weitzman lab has pioneered the study of activation of the DNA damage response as an intrinsic mechanism to defend virus infection and has opened up a new research field for investigating the biology of



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virus-host interactions.

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