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Molecular Virology

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Language :	French			
Place of the course	Bruxelles Woluwe			
Prerequisites	The prerequisite(s) for this Teaching Unit (Unité d'enseignement – UE) for the programmes/courses that offer this Teaching Unit are specified at the end of this sheet.			
Main themes	General structure, replication cycles, and classification of viruses; antiviral agents and vaccination; Reverse genetics and use of viruses as vectors. Selected viruses will be taken as exemples to illustrate the diversity of host-virus interactions and the outcome thereof (latency, cellular transformation, oncogenesis, antigenic variation and escape of immune responses, AIDS).			
Aims	The lectures present basic concepts on structure and function of animal viruses. It outlines the relationship between the basic replication cycle of the virus and the outcome of the infection for the host. It aims at giving the student the ability to use basic knowledge of viral life cycles as a tool to understand the techniques that are used to detect viruses, develop antiviral compounds.			
	The contribution of this Teaching Unit to the development and command of the skills and learning outcomes of the programme(s) can be accessed at the end of this sheet, in the section entitled "Programmes/courses offering this Teaching Unit".			
Content	Historics of viruses discovery, characterization and classification. Structure and replication cycle of animal viruses (DNA viruses, RNA viruses and retroviruses). Host-virus interaction (cellular transformation, latency, antigenic variation, cancer, oncogenes, AIDS). Vaccination and antiviral agents. Reverse genetics and use of viruses. Nonconventional agents.			
Other infos	Prerequisite: basic biochemistry, molecular and cellular biology: nature and function of nucleic acids and proteins; gene expression, protein synthesis, modification and targeting in eucaryotic cells; organization and function of the eucaryotic cell. Assessment: By written (or oral) exam. The students will be examined on their knowledge of the subject, and on their capacity to use this knowledge to solve problems			
Faculty or entity in charge	SBIM			

Programmes containing this learning unit (UE)					
Program title	Acronym	Credits	Prerequisite	Aims	
Bachelor in Biomedicine	SBIM1BA	2	WMD1120 AND WMD1006 AND WSBIM1226 AND WSBIM1227 AND WMDS1211 AND WFARM1282	•	