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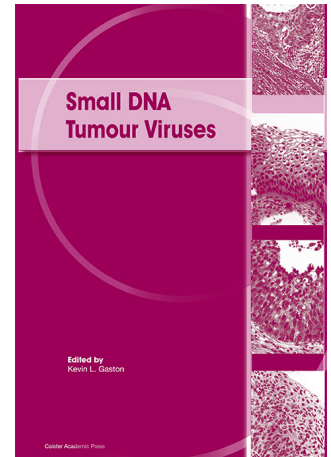
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Small DNA tumour viruses are a fascinating group of dsDNA viruses that continue to provide fundamental insights into mammalian cell transformation, cell cycle control and tumour formation. The causal link between papillomaviruses and some human cancers is well known and a role for polyomavirus in human cancer has recently been established. Adenoviruses do not cause cancer in humans but as well as providing excellent tools for the study of host cell processes these viruses have been exploited as delivery vehicles in gene therapy for diseases such as cystic fibrosis and cancer. A common feature of small DNA tumour viruses is their heavy reliance on the host for survival and replication. Understanding the virus-host relationship is critical to understanding the tumourigenic process and how these viruses subvert the host's immune system.

In this timely book leading scientists from around the world review current hot-topics in this area providing a fascinating overview of the molecular biology and virus-host interaction. Essential reading for everyone working on small DNA tumour viruses and their associated diseases and a recommended text for anyone involved with DNA replication, DNA damage responses and genome instability, virus-host interactions, viral tumourigenesis or antiviral drug development.

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