

Challenges in Searching for Zika Therapeutics

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infecting cells, may be used to identify potential therapeutic targets. For example, the identification of the host receptor for Zika virus has been achieved by screening a library of human proteins expressed in HEK293T cells for their ability to bind to the virus. This approach has identified several potential receptors, including the receptor tyrosine kinase (RTK) c-Met, the G protein-coupled receptor (GPCR) Gα_i, and the integrin αvβ3. These findings suggest that targeting these molecules may be effective in blocking Zika virus infection.

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