

Special Issue

Infectious Diseases in Small Ruminants – Updates on Pathogenesis, Diagnosis and Prevention

Message from the Guest Editors

Small ruminant production incorporates meat, wool and dairy industries, each of which have grown by approximately 2% per annum over the last decade. China dominates in sheep production, followed by Australia and India. With the global increase in sheep and goat production, there is a need for a deeper understanding of the diseases affecting these species, with insights into pathogenesis, early diagnosis and prevention being of utmost importance. Being able to diagnose and control diseases more readily can increase productivity overall, as well as enhance welfare in often-intensive production systems. This Special Issue focuses on the diseases of small ruminants, and in particular on pathogenesis, pathology, diagnosis and prevention in this context. We welcome articles fostering a deeper understanding of the pathogenesis of natural and experimental infections in small ruminants, as well as those providing updates on novel methods of diagnosis, prevention and control, including vaccination.

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