

Special Issue

Infection Immunity, Diagnosis and Prevention of Avian Influenza

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This Special Issue invites submissions on the latest research in avian influenza, focusing on the following areas: 1) Molecular and cellular mechanisms of infection: Understanding how avian influenza viruses infect host cells, replicate, and cause disease, with a focus on virus–host interactions and immune modulation; 2) Immunity to avian influenza: Investigations into the immune response to infection, including the roles of CD4+ and CD8+ T cells, antibodies, and the cytokine response; 3) Cross-species transmission and evolution: Research on how avian influenza viruses evolve and adapt to new hosts; 4) Diagnostic technologies for avian influenza: Advances in molecular, serological, and imaging-based diagnostic methods for detecting avian influenza in poultry and wildlife, including rapid and field-based testing techniques; 5) Vaccine development and prevention strategies: Novel approaches to developing vaccines that provide broad protection against diverse avian influenza strains; 6) Surveillance and epidemiology: Global surveillance strategies to monitor avian influenza outbreaks, track virus spread, and assess risk factors for new outbreaks.

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