## **Special Issue**

# State of the Art in Epidemiology of Existing and Emerging Livestock Diseases

#### Message from the Guest Editors

With the global population projected to increase to over nine billion by 2050 and the increased affluence and concentration of people in urban areas, an increased demand for food animal products is expected. However, livestock diseases caused by infectious and noninfectious agents continue to affect the economic productivity of livestock species, undermining food security. The zoonotic potential of some livestock diseases and the animal welfare implications of diseases in animals are also of major concern for both consumers and non-consumers. Understanding the current epidemiology of these diseases through the surveillance and mapping of the risk factors associated with their occurrence and spread is critical in designing control and prevention measures. This Special Issue will provide a platform for researchers to share manuscripts that offer novel epidemiological insights into existing and emerging infectious and non-infectious diseases in livestock species, including risk factors that are likely to inform possible mitigation strategies. Original research and review articles on this theme are welcome.

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