

Special Issue

Recent Advances in Small Ruminant Lentiviruses

Message from the Guest Editors

Caprine arthritis encephalitis and Maedi-Visna are produced by two very similar lentiviruses which are collectively known as Small Ruminant Lentiviruses (SRLV).

There are still a number of unclear aspects of the SRLV infection, aimed at: a) identifying new circulating strains of SRLVs, their geographical distribution and their ability to cross inter-species barrier; b) better understanding the pathogenesis of the different strains of SRLVs, their relationship to the genetic basis of the host and the interaction with the immune response; c) improved knowledge of the risk factors that favour the spread of infection on farms and the onset of disease; d) improving molecular and serological diagnostic methods to allow the detection of all infected animals at an early stage, e) studying the role that wild ruminants in close contact to domestic small ruminants can play in SRLV epidemiology; etc.

In this special issue, review articles and original research covering the current knowledge or the advances of any of these aspects on Small Ruminant Lentivirus infection are welcome.

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