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Contagious Agalactia of Small Ruminants: Epidemiology, Diagnosis, Control, and Antibiotic Resistance

Message from the Guest Editors

The social and economic consequences of contagious agalactia in small ruminant herds make it one of the most important diseases to control in order to ensure the profitability of caprine and ovine flocks. The use of molecular methods in the study of the epidemiology of the infection, in addition to the development and application of new diagnostic strategies, are essential for the control of infection in chronically infected herds and the reduction of antimicrobial resistance, a tool widely used to treat affected animals. The development of new, more effective vaccines is also a major challenge to be addressed. This Special Issue is open to all works that address from any field the study of the disease, including the presence of carriers of the agents associated with infection in wild hosts.

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