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Wild Animals and Infectious Diseases: From Wildlife Conservation to a Public Health Challenge

Message from the Guest Editor

The interface between wild and domestic animals is dynamic and bidirectional, and pathogens are freely transmitted within and between wildlife and livestock species. This process is favored by an indirect contact in a common environment, through the use of shared resources such as pastures, vectors, etc. Moreover, biodiversity loss and habitat fragmentation can play a key role in the spread of zoonotic diseases and in the alteration of the interface between wild and domestic animals. Therefore, it is necessary to face this situation in the context of One Health, which emphasizes interdisciplinary collaboration and highlights the indivisible nature of health and disease in humans and animals. The purpose of this Special Issue is to improve the knowledge of these interfaces and to clarify the role of wildlife in the transmission and maintenance of infectious diseases in an animal and human population. These results will be useful to design, refine, and adapt surveillance strategies to better monitor diseases at the interface between fauna and livestock.

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