

Special Issue

African Swine Fever – Knowledge, Theses, Facts

Message from the Guest Editors

The time when African swine fever (ASF) mainly affected the African continent is long gone. On the contrary, the number of affected countries continues to grow, and the global interest in the disease seems to be increasing both scientifically and economically. The disease affects only pig species, but transmission between species is possible. Despite intensive scientific efforts, there are still large gaps in knowledge and uncertainties regarding the virus, its spread, and the role of various factors in the epidemiology of the disease (e.g., contact between domestic and wild pigs, vectors, surviving animals, socioeconomic factors, etc.). All these uncertainties as well as the continuous spread of the disease underline the importance of further scientific studies on ASF, the efficiency of surveillance and control measures, progress in vaccine development, and host–pathogen–environment interactions. We would like to invite reviews and original research to fill some of these knowledge gaps and thus support the successful control of ASF.

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