

Special Issue

Machine Learning in Pathogen Discovery

Message from the Guest Editor

Infectious diseases caused by pathogenic microorganisms have long posed a significant threat to human health and well-being. Traditional methods for detecting and combating infectious diseases often struggle to keep pace with the rapidly evolving nature of pathogens. However, the emergence of machine learning offers new avenues for addressing these challenges. Machine learning algorithms can analyze extensive datasets from diverse sources, including genomic sequences, clinical records, and environmental samples. This capability enables the identification of patterns and trends that might be overlooked by conventional approaches. In this Special Issue, original research articles and reviews are welcome. Research areas may include (but not limited to) the following:

- Detection and forecasting of disease outbreaks.
- Prediction of drug resistance in strains.
- Identification of key genes or proteins in pathogens.
- Discovery of antimicrobial peptides.

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