

Special Issue

Immunogenetics and Functional Genomics of Insects

Message from the Guest Editors

Insects, the most diverse and adaptable group of organisms on Earth, have evolved sophisticated innate immune systems over hundreds of millions of years.

This Special Issue aims to advance interdisciplinary research at the intersection of insect immunogenetics and functional genomics, with a focus on evolutionary dynamics of immune genes, molecular mechanisms of immune signaling, discovery of novel immune effectors, etc. Themes of interest include, but are not limited to, host-microbe interactions, functional constraints and evolutionary innovations, immune memory and epigenetic regulation, and the application of cutting-edge technologies such as multi-omics and CRISPR/Cas9 gene editing in insect immunology. We particularly encourage submissions that provide new insights into host-microbe interactions and the crosstalk of immune response with nutritional and developmental signals. These discoveries would not only deepen our understanding of insect immunity but also offer potential targets for pest control and disease management.

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