

Special Issue

Sequencing Techniques and Genomics Technologies to Help with Diagnostics and Virus Characterization – Focus on COVID 19

Message from the Guest Editors

The COVID-19 pandemic has affected global health and the global economy at an unprecedented scale. Several groups, both academic and commercial, from across the world, have done ground-breaking research in regard to developing rapid, point-of-care diagnostic tests for SARS-CoV-2. Additionally, there is substantial work on tracking the genomic epidemiology of the virus using state-of-the-art sequencing platforms. We will also consider studies on: patient and population stratification, patient SNPs associated to susceptibility, host interactions (including from vaccination and immunity response). We invite the research community from both academia and industry to submit their work on SARS-CoV-2 for this Issue. The focus of the Issue is on COVID-19, but we encourage colleagues to submit their work on relevant infectious diseases and genomics technologies. These research findings will reveal further insights into the COVID-19 pandemic outbreak and its effects. This Issue will help define the actions and guidelines for surveillance, containment, and mitigation, for future events of such magnitude.

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