



## New and Re-emerging Pathogens

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### Message from the Guest Editors

New and re-emerging pathogens pose several challenges for diagnosis, treatment, and public health surveillance. The recent appearance of highly pathogenic zoonotic diseases, caused first by SARS-CoV and MERS-Cov and now by SARS-COV2, has highlighted the need to put in place mechanisms to identify the source of the infection and control procedures to stop the chain of infection. The zoonotic spillover represents a global public health burden, which while associated with multiple outbreaks, remains a poorly understood phenomenon. This Special Issue welcomes articles from the entire field of environmental hygiene, with the aim of fostering understanding of the causes of the appearance, persistence, and spread of new and re-emerging pathogens, and also to promote the development or the improvement of disinfection and sterilization protocols to be applied in infection control practices.





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