

Special Issue

Etiopathogenesis of Virus Associated Oral Diseases

Message from the Guest Editor

In this Special Issue, we would like to provide comprehensive overviews over important aspects of the molecular events in viral oral pathogenesis, with a particular focus on periodontitis and gingival-associated inflammatory condition. Potential topics include, without being limited to, the following: Although it is now well recognized that the level of herpesvirus infections increases with periodontitis severity, little is known regarding the mechanisms that may explain the viral pathogenicity. The current treatment of periodontal diseases mainly relies on bacterial removal through cleansing and root planning. It should likely require revision to consider novel therapy targeting both herpes viruses and bacterial pathogens to provide long-term clinical improvement and reduce the potential risk of systemic diseases. Oral sites are the major entry-points for many viruses and serve as reservoirs facilitating the persistence and spread of viral infections to the rest of the body. It thus seems of critical importance to have a better understanding of the relationship between oral viral presence and the occurrence of systemic diseases.

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