

Special Issue

Coronaviruses: Past, Present, and Future

Message from the Guest Editor

Currently, the Omicron variant of SARS-CoV-2 and its subvariants, which are pretty different from the original strain or other previous variants in many respects. Omicron has the innate ability to evade the therapeutic antibodies and immune protection from prior COVID-19 infection and vaccination. Most worryingly, Omicron has shown no sign of slowing down and continues to rapidly mutate and generate new subvariants with immune-evasive properties like BA.5, BQ.1, BA.2.75.2, and XBB. Despite these headwinds, we have had vaccines and treatments available against COVID-19, despite reduced efficacy towards emerging variants. Improvements are still warranted toward the understanding of coronavirus infection and the new prophylaxis and therapeutic agents that can rapidly pivot to combat new viral variants or even new viruses that might drive the next pandemic. For this Special Issue, we will be excited to see the advances, thoughts, and experiences related to the coronavirus family. Original research or review articles are warmly welcomed.

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