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Humanised Mouse Models: Recent Advances in Human Infectious Diseases

Message from the Guest Editors

Since the generation of the first immunodeficient mice, humanised mouse models have considerably evolved and improved. Humanisation of immunodeficient mice can be achieved by engrafting different human cells, such as haematopoietic stem cells, PBMCs, erythrocytes, or hepatocytes. The use of these models enables in vivo investigations of human-restricted pathogens and human immune responses to these pathogens. Humanised mouse models have been developed for many infectious diseases such as malaria, COVID-19, tuberculosis, and schistosomiasis. While imperfect, these models can offer important insights into host-pathogen interactions, therapeutics, and vaccine efficacy. In this Special Issue, recent advances in our understanding of pathogens will be explored, along with the remaining challenges and opportunities in the field.

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