Special Issue

Host–Virus Co-Evolution in Aquatic Species: Insights into Disease Dynamics

Message from the Guest Editors

Aquatic species are frequently exposed to viral pathogens, leading to significant ecological and economic impacts. The ongoing co-evolution between host organisms and viruses plays a crucial role in shaping disease dynamics, influencing viral transmission, host resistance, and immune response mechanisms.

We invite contributions that explore the evolutionary "arms race" between aquatic hosts and viral pathogens. Additionally, the Issue will address the impact of environmental factors, such as climate change and habitat degradation, on host–virus co-evolution.

This Special Issue will shed light on the implications of co-evolutionary dynamics for disease management and prevention strategies in aquaculture and wild aquatic ecosystems. By understanding the complexities of host–virus interactions, we aim to enhance our ability to predict and mitigate viral outbreaks in aquatic species, contributing to more sustainable and resilient aquatic ecosystems.

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