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Vector-Parasite Relationships

Message from the Guest Editors

Numerous parasites and pathogens, including those causing the deadliest human diseases, are transmitted by bloodsucking vectors. Human and livestock-infecting vector-borne microorganisms have received a great deal of attention in research; however, others remain neglected due to their low prevalence and/or pathogenicity, yet they could provide us with a breadth of information that would be of general interest. New vectors of known diseases continue to emerge, and known vectors expand their host and geographical ranges, resulting in the emergence of new foci and outbreaks. The aim of this Special Issue is to collect a range of information about vectors, both notorious and neglected, and the parasites that they transmit. Novel vector-parasite combinations, pathogens' influence on vectors, interactions among parasites sharing the same vectors, mechanisms of transmission, and other aspects of this symbiosis will deepen our understanding of parasites and their vectors.

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