



## Usutu Virus Infection

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### Message from the Guest Editors

In this issue, we would like to focus on all aspects of USUV that provide an update of our current knowledge of the disease and of the interaction of USUV with extant flaviviruses. Topics of interest include (but are not limited to) epidemiology, transmission pathways, vector competence, host–virus interactions, mechanisms of infection and viral spread, cell–virus interactions, disease dynamics, clinical aspects, pathology and standardization of pathological evaluation protocols, disease pathogenesis, factors responsible for virus virulence, virus persistence, immune responses correlated with protection and how these can be activated, and development and improvement of diagnostic techniques.





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## Message from the Editor-in-Chief

The worldwide impact of infectious disease is incalculable. The consequences for human health in terms of morbidity and mortality are obvious and vast but, when infections of animals and plants are also taken into account, it is hard to imagine any other disease that has such a significant impact on our lives—on healthcare systems, on agriculture and on world economics. *Pathogens* is proud to continue to serve the international community by publishing high quality studies that further our understanding of infection and have meaningful consequences for disease intervention.

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