Special Issue

Dengue Virus: Transmission, Pathogenesis, Diagnostics, and Vaccines

Message from the Guest Editors

The number of dengue virus infections has been increasing dramatically and is becoming a serious challenge to global public health. Estimated 390 million infections occur annually, with above 100 million symptomatic cases from more than 120 countries worldwide. Rising urbanization, global travel, climate change, global warming, and migration of people due to extensive trade and tourism have created ample opportunities for expansion of mosquito's vectors to diverse geo-climatic regions, thereby spreading dengue disease on a wider global scale. Dengue virus is tansmitted to humans through the bite of infected Aedes species mosquitoes, mainly A. aegypti and A. albopictus. Despite decades of research, there are currently no approved antiviral drugs or no safe and effective vaccines for the prevention and treatment of dengue infections. In this Special Issue, we aim to assemeble a collection of research papers and reviews that consider serological and molecular diagnostic approaches for dengue virus infections, virus-host interactions, and viral pathogenesis in animal models in order to promote the discovery of antiviral drugs and vaccines.

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