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Emerging Viral Infections in the Respiratory Tract

Message from the Guest Editor

With the globalization of the world, there will continue to be concerns about and threats of emerging infectious diseases in localized regions becoming pandemics in a short period of time. A multifaceted research system is required to not only share epidemiological and clinical information on respiratory viral infections, but also to elucidate their pathogenesis and develop new treatments as well as vaccines, mRNA vaccines, which rapidly became clinically available against COVID-19, is a good example. With the vast and detailed research results obtained from the COVID-19 pandemic, we believe that the findings and insights gained from reviewing existing respiratory virus infections from new perspectives will also be very important for future countermeasures. From this perspective, we have planned for this project to solicit a wide range of clinical, epidemiological, and immunological studies on respiratory viral infections as well as basic studies on viruses, in the hope that they will contribute to the future development of research in this field.

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