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Influenza A Virus: Updates and Insights

Message from the Guest Editors

Influenza A virus (IAV) is a type of influenza virus that includes multiple subtypes and can infect a variety of mammals, including wild birds, domestic poultry, pigs, horses, and humans, causing influenza outbreaks. The continuous mutation and strong cross-species transmission capabilities of IAV pose ongoing public health challenges. Currently, researchers are deeply exploring the adaptability of the virus to the host and its mutation mechanism, with the aim of better predicting and preventing the emergence of new influenza strains. At the same time, in order to cope with the rapid mutation of the virus, vaccine development and antiviral treatment strategies are also evolving. Nevertheless, the maintenance of vaccine efficacy and the resistance of antiviral drugs remain key challenges in prevention and control. Additionally, enhancing the surveillance and laboratory research of influenza viruses is crucial for the timely detection and response to potential pandemic strains. This Special Issue welcomes IAV-related papers.

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