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Transboundary and Emerging Zoonotic Diseases

Message from the Guest Editors

Transboundary animal diseases and emerging zoonoses pose continuing threats to global food security, public health, and local and national economies. Understanding disease patterns and changes in agents and developing improved surveillance and control methodologies can help in ensuring the health of animals and humans. African swine fever, peste des petits ruminants, FMD, and lumpy skin disease, as well as emerging zoonotic diseases such as Ebola, Marburg, Rift Valley fever, and Crimean-Congo hemorrhagic fever, are all creating problems in many new areas. Research designed to achieve a better understanding of the evolution and epidemiology of these agents is urgently needed. Studying these diseases in the areas of the world where they occur naturally presents many advantages. The Global Partnership for Animal and Zoonotic Disease Surveillance (GPAZDS) is an effort through the US Department of Agriculture to collaborate with laboratories and institutions in Africa, the Middle East, and Asia, allowing new data to be collected. This SI will focus on groundbreaking studies on these important pathogens, garnered from the GPAZDS project, as well as other investigations.

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