

Special Issue

Snail-Borne Diseases

Message from the Guest Editor

Molluscs play a key role in the Digenea life-cycle. Adult forms of the parasites develop inside different vertebrate species, including humans. Some of them can cause disease symptoms and even death of the hosts. On the basis of the analysis of the symptoms and the morphological diagnosis of the adult flukes causing them, it is quite possible to unequivocally determine the species of the etiological agent. In the case of larval forms living in snails, the morphological characteristics should be confirmed by molecular diagnostics. Understanding the spread of fluke species in snail host populations will allow us to conclude on the potential threat of transmission of these parasites to final hosts. This Special Issue is focused on the spread of Digenea species in snail host populations including both morphological and molecular diagnostics. The Special Issue will provide new knowledge on the potential threat of transmission of these parasites to vertebrates, including humans, in areas where the snail-host species occur.

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