

# Special Issue

## Usutu Virus Infection

### Message from the Guest Editors

In this issue, we would like to focus on all aspects of USUV that provide an update of our current knowledge of the disease and of the interaction of USUV with extant flaviviruses. Topics of interest include (but are not limited to) epidemiology, transmission pathways, vector competence, host–virus interactions, mechanisms of infection and viral spread, cell–virus interactions, disease dynamics, clinical aspects, pathology and standardization of pathological evaluation protocols, disease pathogenesis, factors responsible for virus virulence, virus persistence, immune responses correlated with protection and how these can be activated, and development and improvement of diagnostic techniques.

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