Special Issue

Viral Pathogenesis and Immunity

Message from the Guest Editor

The aim of this Special Issue to focus on virus-host interactions and pathogenesis, in particular with regard to Zika virus and the coronavirus SARS-CoV-2. New syndromes associated with ZIKV infection have begun to emerge, including birth defects, sexual transmission. Guillain Barre syndrome, and genital persistence, while studies in mice have established mouse models of ZIKV sexual transmission, vaginal persistence, and infection of adult neuronal stem cells. As for coronavirus, human CoVs have been found to be the cause of up to 15% of all respiratory infections, including SARS-CoV infection, and studies in the field have defined multiple viral factors associated with SARS virulence and identified promising vaccine candidates against SARS-CoV. SARS-CoV-2, as we all know, causes coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), an infectious respiratory disease which has caused thousands of deaths and overwhelmed public health systems worldwide. We look forward to your submissions on the topic of virus-host interactions and viral pathogenesis and immunity.

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