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Zoonotic Viral Infections and Climate Change

Message from the Guest Editors

The threat of viral zoonotic infections has been underscored by the current COVID-19 pandemic and the suggested links of severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus-2 (SARS-CoV-2) and its emergence from a bat reservoir. Simultaneously, the world faces an unprecedented crisis at an increasing scale in both intensity and frequency with the ravages of climate change. This includes severe weather systems, floods, droughts, and wildfires, all of which can severely impact on human health through a change or shift in viral zoonotic disease dynamics. Viral zoonoses and climate change are currently viewed as perhaps the most dangerous natural threats to global human health. A better understanding of the role of climate change in the transmission dynamics of viral zoonotic diseases is greatly needed.

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