

Special Issue

From Sporadic Cases of Bird Flu to Global Pandemic of SARS-CoV-2: The Science Behind and Battle against Zoonotic Viruses

Message from the Guest Editors

In the light of current COVID-19 pandemic, animal viruses with zoonotic potential have become major concern of the public health sector. Avian influenza viruses are one of the top risk zoonotic agents due to the size of avian species reservoir, bird seasonal migrations and the scale of interaction with humans (poultry farms, wet markets, nature reserves, parks, etc.). This zoonotic potential is best evidenced by the previous pandemics which had their origins in avian species. The prevalence of multiple influenza virus subtypes and their constant genetic reassortment as a sustained evolution of these viruses in a race to adapt to the new host account for the additional risk of new pathogen emergence. In this Special Issue we would like to invite our colleagues working on a broad range of aspects related to zoonotic viruses to submit manuscripts in the form of original research articles or reviews. We encourage articles within the fields of general virology, immunology, host-pathogen interactions, evolutionary biology and ecology, virus transmission, and disease control and prevention. We also welcome articles focused on case studies and the One Health approach.

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Pathogens is proud to continue to serve the international community by publishing high quality studies that further our understanding of infection and have meaningful consequences for disease intervention.

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