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Advances in Spotted Fever

Message from the Guest Editor

Spotted fever group rickettsioses (SFGR) are a group of diseases caused by a large and expanding number of rickettsial species that represent emerging animal and human pathogens worldwide. Rickettsial agents are transmitted to hosts via arthropods, mainly ticks that constitute the vector and the main reservoir of most spotted fever group rickettsiosis. The detection of new Rickettsia species indicates that the epidemiology of these diseases is changing, and the control of vector populations, as well as the development of strategies in order to limit vectors spread and transmission of vector-borne diseases, represent a future challenge. This Special Issue will highlight aspects of microbiology, pathogenesis, epidemiology, laboratory diagnosis of Rickettsia species, and related ticks collected from human, wild, and domestic animals.

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