



The Effect of Virus Infections on Fruit

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Message from the Guest Editors

Dear Colleagues,

The virus or virus-like diseases of fruit crops have a lingering impact that not only affects the yield of the crop for several years but also the time and costs of installing, bringing the plants to production, removing the affected plants, repurposing soil infested with a viral vector, and also the loss of income from other crops that could have been planted instead.

This Special Issue of *Plants* is aimed at compiling both research and review papers, providing an insight into the latest research on the effect of virus infections on all types of fruits, to highlight key advances and outcomes. To this end, we welcome papers related to:

- i) Understanding viral agents' interaction with their hosts that bring about reduced fruit yield and quality;
- ii) Improvement of detection methods for different plant parts (seeds or fruit stones, grafts, rootstocks, seedlings, flowers) suitable to inform policy makers and international legislations concerning worldwide trade of virus-free plant material;
- iii) Identification of new viral agents and viral synergies;
- iv) Economic losses in fruit production.





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