## **Special Issue**

# Herpes Simplex Virus Infection, Immunity, and Vaccine Development

### Message from the Guest Editors

Herpes Simplex Virus (HSV) infections affect people around the world, with HSV-1 and HSV-2 causing significant morbidity through recurrent oral-facial, ocular, and genital lesions. Despite decades of preclinical and clinical research, no licensed HSV vaccines or immunotherapeutic agents are currently available. We encourage submissions on the following topics:

- Herpes simplex infection and immunity in animal models and humans
- Multi-omics data to better phenotype, differentiate, and classify immune responses
- Immunological and virological factors contributing protection or exacerbating recurrent herpes infection and disease
- Immune regulation, immune evasion, immune checkpoints, and immuno-regulatory pathways
- Pre-clinical and clinical evaluation of HSV vaccine and immunotherapeutic candidates
- Innovative vaccine and immunotherapeutic platforms, adjuvants, and delivery systems
- Identification of protective B- and T-cell antigens/epitopes
- Innate and adaptive immunological correlates of protection
- Therapeutic vaccination strategies for individuals with established HSV
- Mucosal immunity considerations in HSV vaccine design
- Regulatory challenges for HSV vaccines

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