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Message from the Guest Editors

At present, COVID-19 is still a global pandemic, and SARS-CoV-2 is constantly evolving and mutating, producing variants with different transmissibility and virulence. The rapid spread of COVID-19 causes enormous impacts on social, economic, and healthcare systems in the world. Effective treatments to block the spread of COVID-19 have not been developed yet, so countries implement a series of nontreatment interventions, such as social distancing, isolation, face masks, and quarantine, to reduce its rapid transmission. Therefore, we would like to encourage the presentation to this Special Issue of the molecular characterization of different SARS-CoV-2 variants and the epidemiological characterization of the COVID-19 caused by them. Given that the COVID-19 vaccine can effectively reduce the infection rate and severity rate of COVID-19, topics concerning vaccine effectiveness, safety, willingness to vaccinate, and hesitancy of vaccinating against COVID-19 will also be welcome. Adding new information on these topics could provide a better understanding of the pathogenesis of COVID-19 and help design new surveillance and prevention strategies.

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