# Special Issue

## Host Immune Response to Infectious Diseases

## Message from the Guest Editor

Development of effective vaccines against an infectious agent that induces disease requires a comprehensive understanding of the host's immune response towards that pathogen. Successful control of an infection is accomplished through the cooperation of multiple components of both the innate and adaptive immune systems, with different pathogens, including viruses, bacteria, and parasites, each eliciting unique, complex responses. Factors that influence these responses may be inherent to the host, such as age, sex, and genetics, or stem from the environment, such as living or husbandry conditions, hygiene practices, nutrition status, and the microbiome. Furthermore, while the host immune system is responsible for eliminating the pathogen, it may also cause damage to the organism it is working to protect. In this special issue, we welcome articles examining the immune response to a variety of human and veterinary pathogens and its impact on our understanding and ability to develop effective vaccines.

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