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# Current State of Global African Swine Fever Vaccine Development

## Message from the Guest Editors

African swine fever virus (ASFV) is the etiological agent of African swine fever (ASF), a disease affecting both wild boar and domestic pigs. ASFV now represents one of the most important concerns for society, swine exploitation and the food industry worldwide. The virulence varies among the different ASFV strains, ranging from the acute infections with 100% mortality produced by highly virulent strains, to chronic infections presenting low or no mortality induced by attenuated strains. The molecular mechanisms leading to virulence are of great importance for understanding viral pathogenesis, being a direct component in the rational design of vaccines. In this regard, a key element differentiating attenuated from virulent strains is the different ability to control host IFN-I production. Most probably, no efficient and safe vaccines against ASF will be developed without a more complete understanding of the virus-host interaction, specifically, of the viral mechanisms used to evade the host's innate immune response.

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