Message from the Guest Editor

The consequences of maternal infections (even the subclinical ones) during pregnancy can be multiple and fatal or significantly harmful for the developing fetus, resulting in perinatal complications and/or chronic disease throughout postnatal life. On the other hand, early viral replication may lead to the development of HPV immunity at an early age, which may be central to combating future HPV infections, e.g., STIs.

This Special Issue aims to cover research relating to the frequency and modes of vertical transmission of both mucosal and cutaneous HPV genotypes. It will also focus on the role of passive immunization via mother, the development of HPV-specific immune response at early ages and its impact on clearing early HPV infections. We invite you to share your recent findings or perspectives on vertical transmission of papillomaviruses in human and also in animal species.

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