



MERS-CoV

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Message from the Guest Editors

Dear Colleagues,

Middle East respiratory syndrome coronavirus (MERS-CoV) is a newly emerged coronavirus: It was identified in 2012 and has, so far, caused over 2100 infections and ~35% fatality rate in humans. People infected with MERS-CoV often develop severe acute respiratory illness, including fever, cough, and shortness of breath. MERS-CoV enters cells by binding to its host receptor dipeptidyl peptidase 4 and fusing viral and host membranes, before it replicates itself inside cells. Recent advances in structural biology have enhanced our understanding of the viral entry and replication processes. Vaccines and therapeutics against MERS-CoV are being developed, although none is clinically available. With the continual threat of MERS-CoV, there is a great need to summarize current progresses and discuss future prospects of MERS-CoV research.

In this Special Issue, we welcome the MERS-CoV community to submit research papers or review articles on recent advances of MERS-CoV research.

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