Message from the Guest Editors

Dear Colleagues,

Noroviruses are the leading cause of severe childhood diarrhea and foodborne outbreaks across the globe. Despite their massive disease burden, the development of vaccines and antiviral therapies has been hindered by the lack of cell culture and animal models of infection. However, the past 15 years has been an exciting time for norovirus research, and major progress has been made in overcoming these obstacles. The discovery of culturable murine noroviruses paved the way for substantial insight into replication strategies and the pathogenesis of noroviruses. More recently, two culture systems have been developed for human noroviruses. Finally, the use of virus-like particles as vaccine candidates and the development of antiviral therapies have progressed significantly. In this Special Issue, we will review the major discoveries in the norovirus field from the past 15 years, as well as providing several primary research articles highlighting the continuing progress being made by our community.

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