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Chikungunya Virus and (Re-) Emerging Alphaviruses

Message from the Guest Editors

Since 2003, the “Old World” chikungunya virus has re-emerged and spread throughout the world in more than 40 countries, posing a big threat to public health. This mosquito-borne virus, belonging to the genus of *Alphavirus* in the family of *Togaviridae*, causes acute infection with symptoms ranging from fever, rash, myalgia, to severe arthralgia and arthritis. Although with a low fatality rate, this virus can produce chronic infection, characterized by muscle and joint pain which afflicts patients for months to years and has a substantial impact on their quality of life. Additionally, the (re-) emergence of other members of the genus *Alphavirus* that cause severe diseases in animals and/or humans has raised great concerns. Therefore, an overview of alphavirus research is timely and will greatly help the control and prevention of viral disease transmission. In this Special Issue, we welcome the alphavirus community to submit research articles or review papers related to all aspects of chikungunya virus and other (re-) emerging alphaviruses.

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