

## Special Issue

# SARS-CoV-2 Research in Belgium

### Message from the Guest Editors

Following the initial detection of the first COVID-19 infection in Belgium on February 3, 2020, Belgian research groups initiated a wide panel of research initiatives targeting different aspects of the SARS-CoV-2 pandemic. In this Special Issue, we aim to collect and synergise a wide variety of high-quality research efforts on SARS-CoV-2 in Belgium. Because the pandemic and its consequences on the health system and society in general outpaces the traditional scope of virology research, we aim to stimulate outstanding virology research, but also research papers which have taken a multidisciplinary approach to complex problems. Manuscripts covering the analysis of the different waves of the pandemic that hit Belgium and localised outbreaks in nursing homes, hospitals, the work sector and schools will be analysed with a great deal of attention, together with studies on phylogenetic and phylodynamic inference, outbreak and transmission chain analysis, clinical studies assessing the impact of novel diagnostic or treatment approaches, next-generation sequencing efforts, mathematical and epidemiological model development, vaccine efficacy, and intervention strategies.

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