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Pathogenesis, Molecular Epidemiology, and Immune Response to Lentiviral Infections

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Message from the Guest Editors

Dear Colleagues,

Lentiviruses are a genus of the retroviridae family that encompass bovine (BIV), small ruminant (SRLV), equine (EIAV), feline (FIV), and human/non-human primate immunodeficiency viruses (HIV/SIV), characterized by long incubation periods and a variety of progressively degenerative pathologies, including immunodeficiencies, which lead inexorably to death of the host. Lentiviruses infect both dividing and non-dividing cells, in general immune cells, and integrate viral genome into the host DNA. High genetic variation is a hallmark of lentiviral infections. Although major progresses have been made in our knowledge of the interplay between lentivirus and host, even more remains to be revealed.

This Special Issue is to provide an overview of recent advances in research of lentiviral infections including virushost interactions, viral pathogenesis, and their consequences for the immune system. Studies on molecular epidemiology are encouraged to be submitted. Any original research article and review covering topics regarding "Pathogenesis, Molecular Epidemiology, and Immune Response to Lentiviral Infections" is very welcomed.







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