



## Host Shifts in Plant Pathogens

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### Message from the Guest Editor

Dear Colleagues,

Plants and pathogens are in an arms race of defense and counter defense. Genetic diversity in the host population and the deployment of resistant cultivars imposes a selection pressure that results in changes in the genetic structure of pathogen populations over time. The evolution of pathogen populations is evident in the emergence of new variants, strains, or species with novel biological properties, including adaptation to new hosts. There are host, vector, environmental, and pathogen factors that contribute to evolution and host shifts.

This Special Issue is focused on the mechanism of host shifts in plant pathogens. We invite you to submit original articles and review articles. This Special Issue will provide new knowledge and fundamental concepts related to the mechanisms on host and vectors, as well as environmental factors, which contribute to host shifts.





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