



An Update on African Swine Fever

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Message from the Guest Editors

Dear Colleagues,

The current African swine fever (ASF) epidemic started in Georgia where ASF virus genotype II was introduced in 2007. During the last 15 years, it spread further to Europe and Asia heavily affecting the wild boar population and domestic pig farms. In large ASF affected areas the wild boar is considered as the main driver and reservoir of ASF virus thus presenting the permanent threat to pig farming industry. The spread of ASF continues due to the lack of effective control measures, especially in wild boar population. Despite the biosecurity measures are suggested to prevent ASF introduction in domestic pigs, thousands of pig farms are affected by ASF annually. While waiting for the safe and effective vaccine against ASF, the preventive and control measures should be strengthened. Based on your expertise in the field, we think you could make an excellent contribution to the Special Issue "An Update on African Swine Fever".





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