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## Developments in Therapeutic Drugs for Pain Management in Animals

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### Message from the Guest Editors

Dear Colleagues,

Pain is characterised as a negative affect within the Five Domains model of animal welfare. Effectively treating pain continues to be a challenge we face in ensuring positive welfare for animals under our care. We are challenged by the practical constraints of administering animal treatments, species variability in response to therapeutic treatment, safety considerations and limitations to therapeutic efficacy, including duration of the drug effect.

We are pleased to invite you to submit to this Special Issue on the developments in therapeutic drugs for pain management in animals. In this Special Issue, original research articles and reviews are welcome. Research areas may include (but are not limited to) the following: novel therapeutics for the treatment of pain in animals; novel applications for existing therapeutics for the treatment of pain in animals; new species-specific information on the pharmacology, efficacy and safety of novel and existing therapeutics for the treatment of pain in animals; and novel drug delivery systems.

We look forward to receiving your contributions.



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