



Mastitis in Dairy Ruminants

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Message from the Collection Editors

Dear Colleagues,

Mastitis, which occurs as the result of intramammary infections by various bacteria, is an important disease of dairy ruminants. It is responsible for significant financial problems in cattle, sheep, goat and buffalo farms and it also adversely hampers the welfare of the affected animals; further, the mastitis causal bacteria have are significant public health hazards. The special issue will cover all aspects of mastitis: aetiology (including bacterial studies), welfare, epidemiology, pathogenesis, control, zoonotic aspects. The special issue will comprise systematic and opinionated reviews, as well as original manuscripts describing field, laboratory or animal experimental work.

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