



Neospora Caninum: Infection and Immunity

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Dear Colleagues,

Neospora caninum is an apicomplexan parasite that was misdiagnosed as *Toxoplasma gondii* until the 1980s, but has subsequently been shown to be responsible for abortion, stillbirth, and birth of weak offspring in dogs, cattle, and many other species. *N. caninum* and *T. gondii* are phylogenetically closely related and share many morphological, structural, and biological features, but they also have important differences in terms of pathophysiology and host-parasite interactions. These similarities and differences have profound implications for the design of management control measures and for the development of new therapeutic options and vaccine candidates. This Special Issue “*Neospora caninum*: infection and immunity” aims to compile original research papers and review articles on these topics to offer a comprehensive overview of the subject.

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