



## Viral Interactions with Anatomic Cellular Barriers—Overcoming Borders to Invade Tissues

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### Message from the Guest Editors

Dear colleagues,

In human body, innate and adaptive immune responses are continuously fighting against invasive microbes attempting to gain access to replicative niches in host tissues leading to cell infection, tissue damage, and disease. External and internal cellular barriers such as the skin, mucous membranes, and the endothelium lining the inner side of blood vessels constitute anatomic barriers of the innate immune system that collectively provide physical and physiological. Some of the strategies adopted by viruses to promote endothelial barrier disruption include manipulation of host membranes and cellular metabolism, production, and secretion of viral factors which directly promote tissue invasion resulting in breakdown of host adhesion molecules or cell-to-cell contacts, and activation of inflammatory responses.

This Special Issue will focus on understanding the strategies used by viral pathogens to interact with and circumvent these host barrier interfaces leading to invasion of tissues which results in immune dysregulation and disease, which will enhance our understanding of viral pathogenesis and the development of novel antiviral compounds and vaccine candidates.





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