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Epidemiology, Detection and Treatment of Malaria

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Message from the Guest Editors

Dear Colleagues,

Malaria is a life-threatening febrile illness caused by the protozoan parasites *Plasmodium* spp. through the bites of infected female *Anopheles* mosquitoes. *Plasmodium falciparum*, *P. vivax*, *P. malariae* and *P. ovale* are the four species that commonly infect humans. A simian parasite, *Plasmodium knowlesi*, is increasingly reported in humans in proximity of the forested regions of South-East Asia and the Western Pacific region. Malaria cases continued to rise between 2020 and 2021, with global malaria cases reaching 247 million in 2021 compared to 245 million in 2020. This Special Issue covers the latest findings in malaria programmes and research as well as progress across all intervention areas: prevention, diagnosis, treatment, elimination and surveillance.

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