



## Rising Stars in Mpox Research

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### **Message from the Guest Editor**

Monkeypox virus (MPX) has been regarded as a neglected tropical pathogen (i.e., pathogens that are especially common in tropical areas where people do not have access to advanced medical resources), but during the second half of 2022, an unprecedented and unexpected international outbreak has rapidly changed its status to a potentially global pathogen. While up-to-date data are gathered all around the globe, in this Special Issue, we will try to summarize the existing information, current research, and the lacunae in our knowledge of the clinical spectrum, disease evolution, diagnostic methods, treatment modalities and indication, and prevention for this previously uncommon viral disorder.

Moreover, the present Special Issue will focus on the following questions: how travel medicine should cope with the 2022 international outbreak of MPX; which differences may be identified between the situation in endemic regions of Western and Central Africa compared to other, previously not endemic areas; which occupational countermeasures could be planned to better protect healthcare workers; and how the MPX outbreak and its burden will overlap with the still ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

