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Dear Colleagues,

Even if much progress has been achieved in our understanding of hepatitis E virus (HEV), many gaps in our knowledge remain. HEV has a broad host range being isolated from fish, birds, and mammals, such as bats, rodents, ungulates, and humans. Most likely, other vertebrate hosts still remain to be identified. Viruses belonging to the same genus have the potential to cross species barriers, apart from HEV1 and HEV2, which only infect humans. These two types, which cause large waterborne outbreaks with high mortality rates in the pregnant female, are also associated with pancreatitis.



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