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## Virus Discovery, Classification and Characterization

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In recent years, viral metagenomics has become an important tool for experts working in the field of virus discovery, classification, and characterization. Improved sample preparation and amplification methods, together with rapidly evolving sequencing technologies and bioinformatics pipelines, have made virus metagenomics a powerful approach for new discoveries. Viral metagenomics can be used to determine viral diversity in the environment or in any microbial community, to reveal the potential viral etiology of disease from pathological/clinical specimens, and to characterize viruses of unknown origin isolated in cell cultures. Using this approach, numerous novel virus species have been described over the past decade from all domains of life. This Special Issue includes all aspects of virus discovery (including new methods, new viruses, and new host–virus relationships) where next-generation sequencing has been central to the process.



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