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Foot-and-Mouth Disease Virus and Other Vesicular Disease Viruses

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Message from the Guest Editors

Foot-and-mouth disease (FMD) is a highly contagious viral disease characterized by vesicular lesions on the mouth and hoof, which affects more than 70 species of clovehoofed animals including pigs, sheep, goats, and cattle and remains the single most important constraint to the international trade in live animals and animal products worldwide. The disease is caused by FMD virus (FMDV), which is a small, non-enveloped, positive-sense, singlestranded RNA virus belonging to the *Picornaviridae* family, genus Aphthovirus. Other vesicular viruses (non-FMDV) include Seneca Valley virus (SVV), vesicular stomatitis virus (VSV), swine vesicular disease virus (SVDV) and vesicular exanthema of swine virus (VESV), which can cause clinically indistinguishable vesicular lesions in susceptible animals. In this Special Issue, we will accept papers on all aspects of FMDV and other vesicular disease virus research. Topics include, but are not limited to, the following: virus and characterization, pathogenesis persistence, virus-host interactions and immunology.







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