



## Viral Hepatitis in Brazil

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Dear Colleagues,

Viral hepatitis is a major global concern, as it contributes to the toll of deaths worldwide from infectious diseases and cancer. The five main types of hepatitis (A, B, C, D, and E) vary from transmission route, geographic distribution, and clinical outcome. Brazil is the sixth most populous country, has a diverse geographic distribution of these viruses and a diversity of country-specific strains. In order to achieve the WHO goal of eliminating viral hepatitis by 2030, diagnostic investigation in the general Brazilian population has been intensified, mainly key high risk populations, to help identify and treat chronic carriers, and prevent new infections. This Special Issue of the *Viruses* journal will address: 1) viral hepatitis genetic variations, which may assist in understanding diverse types of responses (clinical outcome, treatment, immunological) 2) epidemiological studies in general and key populations; and 3) new diagnostic procedures that will assist in the elimination of these viruses

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