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Eco-Epidemiology of Infectious Diseases in Wild Ungulates

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Wild ungulates are zoonotic disease reservoirs and sentinel species, providing early warnings for human, animal, and environmental health risks. They are ideal bioindicators due to their widespread presence, increasing numbers, large ranges, and overlap with humans and livestock. Infectious diseases in ungulates, like African swine fever in European wild boar, necessitate an integrated approach considering ecological factors. This Special Issue aims to explore the implications of wildlife-human interactions and the role of wild ungulates in disease dynamics under the One Health framework, promoting understanding and research in this crucial area.

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