

## Special Issue

# Drivers of Venom Potency across the Animal Kingdom

### Message from the Guest Editor

Venom potency has long been a topic of interest to researchers from a wide range of fields. One driver of this interest is the diversity of organisms that have evolved venom, and with it, the wide variation in venom compositions that makes venom both a rich source of biodiscovery and a global public health issue. However, while varied, venoms have typically evolved to perform similar functional roles in predation and defence across phylogenetically distinct groups. The focus of this Special Issue is to explore the factors that determine the potency of venom across the span of the Animal Kingdom. This includes questions relating to genetic, molecular, evolutionary and ecological factors associated with venom potency. Submissions linking factors that apply across a wide taxonomic range will be particularly favoured, and I also strongly encourage submissions covering neglected areas and taxonomic groups. I look forward to editing an exciting collection of research and review articles that will help to stimulate interest in the fundamental drivers of venom potency across the diversity of venomous animals.

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