

Special Issue

Virology Research in South Africa—from a Great Legacy to an Optimistic Future

Message from the Guest Editors

Given the success of the previous Special Issue, we are excited to extend an invitation to our colleagues to participate in a second volume of this Special Issue. The second volume of the Special Issue of the journal *Viruses* will focus on “Virology Research in South Africa—from a Great Legacy to an Optimistic Future”. As a continuation of the First Volume, this volume aims to provide a comprehensive overview of research on HIV, viral hepatitis, influenza, respiratory syncytial virus (RSV), severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus type 2 (SARS-CoV-2), coronaviruses, other less studied respiratory viruses, zoonotic viruses as well as research on viral vaccines, vaccine development and clinical trials on viral vaccines conducted in South Africa. Other areas relevant to this issue are research related to antiviral resistance for HIV and other viral drugs. This issue is not restricted to research on human viruses, and we invite submission of all virology research from South Africa.

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