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## State-of-the-Art Insect Viruses Research in China

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With a vast territory and high environmental heterogeneity, China is one of the countries with the richest biodiversity of insects. Meanwhile, it is one of the earliest countries to exploit insect resources in the world and is the top producer of many insect-related industrial products such as silk and honey. Viruses that are pathogenic to these beneficial insects cause dramatic economic losses on agriculture in China. In contrast, viruses that are pathogenic to insect pests are potential biological control agents, some of which have been extensively used.

Technological advances and improved financial support in the last decade have facilitated an explosion in the amount of research into insect viruses in China, generating impressive progress. We believe that a better understanding of insect viruses in China will expand our overall knowledge of virology. For some specific circumstances, knowledge on the viruses and their insect hosts in China may be critical to the understanding of virus evolution and insect-virus interaction.

This special issue aims to present the state-of-the-art on insect viruses research in China. We welcome original research articles and reviews.



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