**Abstract title (75 words max, Times New Roman 12-point font, first word capitalized, all in bold, species names italicized)**

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**Abstract text:** 250-word limit, Times New Roman, 10-point font. Please summarize 1) background, problem and aim, 2) approach and methodology, 3) results, conclusions and perspectives. Define/spell out any acronyms and abbreviations within the abstract the first time that they appear therein. Single-Spaced, 1” margins.

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**Topic(s):** Out of the topics listed below, rank the top 3 (1 being the top choice) that best describe your research:

Diagnostics

Disease Ecology

Disease Management

Epidemiology/Modeling

Host Defenses

Novel Pathogens

Pathogen and/or Host Evolution

Pathogenesis/Pathology

Pathogen Genetics/Replication

Policy/Human Dimensions

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Example Abstract:

**An informative title with the *Genus* and *species* names of host(s) and pathogen(s) italicized**

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**Abstract:** 1) The first few sentences present the background, establish the need for the discussed studies and introduce the aims. 2) The next few sentences describe in words that can be understood across disciplines the experimental approaches, animal(s) (Species names *Genus species*) and pathogen(s) studied. 3) Subsequent content should concisely, accurately, and comprehensively summarize the findings and the conclusions of the studies. Throughout your abstract, please define/spell out any acronyms and/or abbreviations the first time that they appear.

**Topic(s):**

1st topic:Host Defenses

2nd topic:Pathogen and/or Host Evolution

3rd topic: Pathogenesis/Pathology