

Special Issue

Clinical and Molecular Epidemiology of Drug-Resistant Bacteria of Companion Animals

Message from the Guest Editors

Antimicrobial resistance has become one of the most important emerging problems worldwide, affecting public and animal health, as well as the environment. Misuse of antibiotics and inadequate waste management have favored and accelerated antibiotic resistance, contributing to the emergence of multidrug-resistant (MDR) strains and increased mortality. Moreover, the close bond between humans and animals provides opportunities for the exchange of microorganisms, including MDR pathogens. In order to address the current threat, a wide and integrated approach is needed, as the antimicrobials used to treat multiple infections in animals are the same or similar to those used in human medicine. This particular aspect of the "One Health" concept requires more representative clinical and molecular surveillance efforts and infection control, in order to direct the implementation of appropriate preventive resources.

Therefore, this Special Issue aims to present recent research and reviews on epidemiology and surveillance of resistance in companion animals (including horses).

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