



Access, Consumption and Use of Antimicrobials

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Message from the Guest Editors

Dear Colleagues,

COVID-19 has affected areas all over the globe, leading to secondary infections. However, there are myriad issues about access, use, and consumption of antimicrobials globally. Few innovative antibiotics are coming to the market, and the treatment options are becoming limited. The emergence of superinfections due to antibiotic misuse and overuse is also posing a serious threat to healthcare systems. In low- and middle-income countries (LMICs), a large number of antibiotics are available without a prescription, contributing to the irrational use of antibiotics. This has led to the development of antibiotic resistance coupled with the emergence of the new and large-scale spread of infections. This is becoming very challenging in terms of our ability to treat the burden of these diseases. This Special Issue will explore the access and utilization of antibiotics in primary and secondary care settings. Papers from all corners of the world are welcome. This includes original research articles, reviews, meta-analyses as well as commentaries.

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There are very few fields that attract as much attention as scientific endeavor related to antibiotic discovery, use and preservation. The public, patients, scientists, clinicians, policy-makers, NGOs, governments, and supra-governmental organizations are all focusing intensively on it: all are concerned that we use our existing agents more effectively, and develop and evaluate new interventions in time to face emerging challenges for the benefit of present and future generations. We need every discipline to contribute and collaborate: molecular, microbiological, clinical, epidemiological, geographic, economic, social scientific and policy disciplines are all key. *Antibiotics* is a nimble, inclusive and rigorous indexed journal as an enabling platform for all who can contribute to solving the greatest broad concerns of the modern world.

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