

Special Issue

Antibiotic Resistance and Coping Strategies of Methicillin-Resistant *Staphylococcus* Species

Message from the Guest Editor

Staphylococcus aureus and other *Staphylococcus* species are significant etiological factors of infection developing multiple mechanisms of antibiotic resistance, which are transferred rapidly between the strains in both hospital and community settings. The problem is particularly evident in the case of methicillin-resistant *S. aureus* (MRSA), which previously spread primarily in a hospital setting as hospital-acquired MRSA (HA-MRSA) but is nowadays increasingly found in community settings as community-acquired MRSA (CA-MRSA), displaying high infectivity and virulence. Prevention of methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus* species transmitted in health care facilities is a major infection control challenge. Previous antibiotic treatments used are ineffective, so exploring alternative therapies is important. In this Special Issue, we encourage research to clarify resistance mechanisms of *Staphylococcus aureus*. Papers about alternative therapies to solve the resistance of *Staphylococcus aureus* such as phages, new antimicrobial drugs and antimicrobial combinations will be welcomed.

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