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Mechanisms of Microbial Biofilm Resistance and New Methods for Biofilm Control

Message from the Guest Editor

Biofilm growth represents a key microbial strategy in terms of colonization, pathogenicity, and resistance, allowing microorganisms to persist both in the environment and within a host during infection. Within biofilms, microbial cells exhibit peculiar features that differ from planktonic ones, and special phenotypes are induced that can endure antimicrobial pressure. Indeed, bacterial cells growing in biofilms can be 10 to 1000 times more resistant to antibiotics, and this constitutes one of the main reasons for the lack of eradication of infections. Moreover, biofilms favor DNA exchange between cells, increasing the spread of antimicrobial resistance.

This Special Issue will focus on novel advances in the study of biofilm lifestyles, the features characterizing sessile cells, their resistance to antibiotics, and the identification of new compounds endowed with antibiofilm activity.

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