

Special Issue

Periodontal Bacteria and Periodontitis: Infections and Therapy

Message from the Guest Editor

Periodontitis is a progressive and destructive inflammatory disease that affects the teeth supporting tissues. Its complex ethiology takes into account the interaction between subgingival microflora, the body's immune response and environmental factors. Bacterial biofilm is considered the main etiological factor causing gingivitis and leading to the destruction of periodontal tissues. Periopathogens in the subgingival area triggers defense mechanisms associated with the production of inflammatory factors and increased amounts of gingival crevicular fluid. As a result of inflammation and increased expression of proinflammatory cytokines, periodontal tissues are destroyed. Due to the infectious nature of the disease, treatment of periodontitis focuses largely on eliminating bacteria from the oral cavity. This Special Issue seeks manuscripts dealing with periodontal disease, especially those dealing with its infection nature and therapy, antibiofilm strategies and means that can improve the therapeutic effect. Both original research and review articles are welcome.

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