

Special Issue

Antibiotic Resistance in *Acinetobacter* and Associated Treatment Strategies

Message from the Guest Editors

Acinetobacter infections cause a substantial burden on public health, with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention specifically classifying carbapenem-resistant *Acinetobacter* as an urgent threat to public health with 8500 cases annually, 700 deaths, and USD 281 million in associated healthcare costs in the United States alone. These data coupled with the sparsity of information elucidating the pathophysiology of *Acinetobacter*, the lack of novel antibiotics in the developmental pipeline to treat *Acinetobacter* infections, the continued occurrence of multidrug-, extensively drug-, or even pandrug-resistant isolates from clinical settings and the association of *Acinetobacter* secondary infection in SARS-CoV-2 patients constitute a public health crisis warranting immediate attention. This Special Issue therefore particularly encourages submissions that describe resistance mechanisms of *Acinetobacter* that allow this human pathogen to resist destruction by the immune system, persist in the clinical environment due to resistance to disinfectants, and survive clinical treatment due to antibiotic resistance.

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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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