

Special Issue

The Evidence Base for Treatment of Tickborne Infections

Message from the Guest Editors

There needs to be a review of the different tickborne infections in 'immunocompetent hosts' and a review of the clinical manifestations and treatment options. For example, babesia is only described as a problem with splenectomised patients, but there is a wide spectrum of disease in immunocompetent hosts. And the issue of treatment of these infections needs to be analysed and summarised. While a short course of antibiotic treatment may work for early diagnosed infections, sometimes patients need longer course treatment, just like for other infections. For example, early diagnosed *Coxiella burnetii* infection caught early requires only short course antibiotic treatment. However late diagnosed infection with *Coxiella* requires longer treatment. This Special Issue aims to review these issues, and look at special populations who are infected with tickborne infections: immunocompetent, immunosuppressed, and special issues that arise in pregnancy and children. We hope to publish a collection of excellent papers on this topic, some review articles and some original studies. **Keywords: Tickborne infections; Lyme disease; Co-infections**

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