## **Special Issue**

## Neuroimmunity and Autoimmunity in Fungal Infections

## Message from the Guest Editor

The relationship between fungal infections, systemic immunity, and nervous system health is increasingly recognised but remains poorly defined. Fungal pathogens can influence the nervous system through distinct yet interconnected immune axes. Indirect neuroimmune effects arising from antifungal immune responses outside the CNS are equally important. Interactions between the host and the mycobiome, particularly at mucosal surfaces, can establish systemic inflammatory states that influence CNS immune tone.

We particularly encourage submissions in the following areas:

- Mechanisms of fungal-induced CNS immune activation, including microglia, astrocyte, and borderassociated glia responses.
- 2. Systemic immune imprinting by fungal colonization or infection and its impact on CNS inflammatory thresholds or autoimmune susceptibility.
- 3. Host genetic determinants that shape neuroimmune outcomes during or following fungal exposure, including variation in, e.g., immune adaptors, cytokine signalling pathways, and antigen presentation, etc.
- 4. Clinical, translational, or biomarker studies examining fungal exposure, antifungal immunity, and neurological or psychiatric disease outcomes.

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