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Advances in Infectious Diseases and Clinical Microbiology during the COVID-19 Pandemic

Message from the Guest Editors

The COVID-19 pandemic has led to substantial changes in population behaviors and patterns of various infectious diseases. These changes include modification in vaccine hesitancy, influenza vaccine uptake, infection control measures, and use of protective equipment, the concept of drug repurposing, reporting of infectious diseases, clinical research, etc. The COVID-19 pandemic has caused disruptions in the reporting of various other serious infections. Ascertaining the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on transmission patterns of other infectious diseases holds significant implications for public health, but this topic has not yet been studied to a greater extent. On the other hand, the scope and relevance of clinical microbiology have been appreciated more than ever. The COVID-19 pandemic has initiated new horizons for infectious disease research, control, funding acquisitions, administrative assistance, and health promotion. This issue emphasizes various aspects of the advancements in infectious diseases and clinical microbiology during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

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