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# Nontuberculous Mycobacteria: Recent Advancements in Infection, Diagnosis and Therapy

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#### Message from the Guest Editors

*Mycobacterium* spp. is a human pathogen which proliferates intracellularly in phagocytes and includes the *Mycobaterium tuberculosis* complex, *M. leprae*, and nontuberculous mycobacteria. Tuberculosis is a well-known, highly contagious but treatable disease. By contrast, although non-tuberculous mycobacteriosis (NTM) is not contagious, it is particularly difficult to treat. *M. aviumintracellulare* complex (MAC) is often the culprit organism behind NTM, causing chronic progressive respiratory infection. *M. abscessus* infection is especially difficult to treat. The development of novel treatments for pulmonary NTM is therefore needed urgently.

The aim of this Special Issue is to provide a platform for researchers interested in pulmonary NTM to share their recent results. To achieve this, we are inviting you to submit research articles, short communications, and reviews related to the various aspects of epidemiology, genetic susceptibility, infection mechanism, and novel treatment. Information that will improve our understanding of the NTM and lead to novel treatment is especially welcome.

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