

Special Issue

Meningococcal Infections

Message from the Guest Editors

Invasive Meningococcal Disease (IMD) is an acute, severe bacterial infection caused by *N. meningitidis* that can manifest as meningitis and/or septicemia. Rarely, meningococcus can be recovered from unusual sites causing various infections outside the bloodstream or Central Nervous System, such as respiratory, ocular, joint, and urogenital. During the COVID-19 pandemic period, IMD cases declined; however, during the post-COVID-19 era, an increase in incidence has been observed worldwide. High-quality surveillance is needed to monitor disease incidence trends, serogroup distribution, and strain characterization ('finotyping'—MLST, *porA*, and *fetA* typing; antibiotic resistance; and vaccine antigens). MDPI's *Microorganisms* announces the launch of the Special Issue "Meningococcal Infections". The aim of this Special Issue is to attract submissions of research articles (original and review articles) concerning trends in IMD epidemiology or new atypical presentations due to *N. meningitidis*, antibiotic resistance, the emergence of new clones, vaccine coverage, or disease burden studies.

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