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Research on Decreasing the Intestinal Carriage of Antibiotic Resistant Bacteria

Message from the Guest Editor

The intestinal microbiota is a major reservoir of multidrug-resistant bacteria (MDRB). Intestinal colonization by MDRB is promoted by intestinal dysbiosis and may evolve from an asymptomatic carriage to various infections including urinary, gastrointestinal and bloodstream infections. Furthermore, the intestinal carriage of MDRB can lead to environmental contamination and transmission to healthy or diseased subjects. Hence, treatments to decrease this carriage are crucial in order to limit the global spread of antimicrobial resistance. Various strategies have been assessed, but none has proved to be effective so far. The aim of this Issue is to explore new approaches able to fight such a carriage of MDRB, particularly carbapenem and ESBLproducing Escherichia coli, Klebsiella pneumoniae, and Enterobacter cloacae, but also vancomycinresistant enterococci and other relevant species. Keyword: prebiotic; probiotic; antibiotic-resistant bacteria; intestinal carriage; quorum-sensing inhibitor; bacteriophage; prodrug; E. coli; K. pneumoniae; enterococci

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