Special Issue

Virulence and Parasitism of Parasitic Protozoa

Message from the Guest Editors

Parasitic protozoa comprise a diverse group of organisms that utilize numerous strategies to proliferate in their hosts. Apart from possessing mechanisms that support adhesion and contact to host cells, which may be followed by processes that inflict damage to their hosts while evading host immune action, parasites are also masters of exploiting host machineries and metabolic processes for their survival. In this Special Issue entitled "Virulence and Parasitism of Parasitic Protozoa", we invite you to contribute original research articles, letters, or reviews related to the parasitic nature of such protozoans, with focus on the elucidation of the mechanisms of virulence, pathogenesis (including their conservation and evolution), and transmission, as well as recent advances in drug and vaccine development.

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