



Malaria: Current Opportunities in Therapeutics and Vaccines

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Message from the Guest Editor

Malaria remains one of the most important public health problems and currently shows stagnant progress, causing an estimated 229,000 cases and 409,000 deaths worldwide in 2019, according to the latest World Health Organization (WHO) World Malaria Report. In a context of increasing (multi)drug resistance, the recent WHO recommendation for widespread use of the RTS,S/AS01 (RTS,S) malaria vaccine in children in sub-Saharan Africa and other areas with moderate to high *P. falciparum* malaria transmission was declared to be "a breakthrough for science, child health, and malaria control" by WHO Director-General Dr T. A. Ghebreyesus.

I would like to invite colleagues who are studying any aspect of malaria treatment, whether preventive or curative, to submit their preclinical/clinical developments or feedback on their use from a public health perspective to this Special Issue. All types of articles will be considered for publication, including short reports, original research articles, and reviews.





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Message from the Editor-in-Chief

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