Pathology of Severe Malaria

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Message from the Guest Editor

Severe malaria still is one of the top five causes of death in children under five. After years of successful international efforts reducing the impact of this disease, we have reached a plateau, and the number of people, mostly children, dying of severe malaria has remained unchanged since 2015. Understanding the mechanisms leading to the different manifestations of severe malaria caused by different species of Plasmodium would help us to develop new therapeutic strategies specific to complicated malaria, as well as earlier and more accurate diagnostic tools.

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The worldwide impact of infectious disease is incalculable. The consequences for human health in terms of morbidity and mortality are obvious and vast but, when infections of animals and plants are also taken into account, it is hard to imagine any other disease that has such a significant impact on our lives—on healthcare systems, on agriculture and on world economics. Pathogens is proud to continue to serve the international community by publishing high quality studies that further our understanding of infection and have meaningful consequences for disease intervention.

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