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# **Opportunistic Oral Pathogens in Oral and Systemic Diseases**

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### **Message from the Guest Editors**

This Special Issue aims to update the knowledge on oral pathogens, particularly regarding their mechanisms for oral colonization, their pathogenicity, virulence and antimicrobial susceptibility, factors that impact their colonization in extra-oral sites, the interactions of oral pathogens with other microorganisms in oral and systemic biofilms, and their involvement in the underlying pathophysiologic mechanisms of oral and systemic diseases. Finally, this Special Issue also seeks to share recent strategies to detect colonization by oral pathogens and to contribute to the early diagnosis of infections, since it will be a key factor to control and prevent disease progression.









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## Message from the Editor-in-Chief

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