

Special Issue

Updates on Human Melioidosis

Message from the Guest Editors

The impact of melioidosis is escalating globally. This infectious disease, which predominantly affects low- and middle-income countries, remains underdiagnosed and underreported. The effect of a delayed or incorrect diagnosis ultimately results in poor patient outcomes. Rapid and cost-effective diagnostic tests remain an essential requirement for improving patient outcomes. As *B. pseudomallei* is intrinsically resistant to a range of antimicrobial agents, first-line therapy is limited to ceftazidime or meropenem, and access to these medications may be challenging. Furthermore, there have been limited additions to the therapeutic arsenal over time. However, recent studies into novel compounds and phage therapy are promising. Finally, the organism in question is highly recombinant and genetically diverse. This information may be relevant to both the fields of genomic epidemiology and disease prevention in the form of vaccine development. This Special Issue seeks to provide an update on the epidemiology, diagnosis, management, and prevention of melioidosis. We welcome the submission of both review articles and original research.

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