Special Issue

Advances in Treatment of Biofilm Infections

Message from the Guest Editors

Biofilm is a structured consortium generated by microbial cells adhering to each other and surrounded by a self-produced extracellular polymeric matrix attached to a living or abiotic surface. Microbials growing in a biofilm become less susceptible to antibiotics and immunological responses, making the treatment of biofilm-associated infections more challenging. The available literature indicates that aggressive antibiotic treatment is usually effective in controlling exacerbations of chronic biofilm infections caused by dispersed bacteria, but it is not effective in eradicating biofilm-associated infections due to difficulty in achieving effective drug concentration in vivo. This Special Issue aims to expand our knowledge of novel possibilities to improve the treatment of biofilm infections. I would like to invite colleagues investigating any of the research issues in the broader biofilm problem to submit their manuscripts to this Special Issue in the form of original research and reviews.

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