Special Issue

Helminths, Anthelmintics and Anthelmintic Resistance

Message from the Guest Editors

Helminth parasites are among the most prevalent disease-causing agents of human, livestock and companion animals. These parasites (parasitic nematodes and platyhelminthes) together infect over two billion people worldwide, mostly in tropical countries, resulting in mortality, severe morbidity, a reduced workforce, and heavy socioeconomic burdens on humans. WHO has included many of these among its list of neglected tropical diseases (NTDs). Given the diversity of these pathogens, the majority of existing drugs have narrow efficacy profiles, with only a single existing drug class approved and found to be effective for a set of related worms. This has further enhanced the concerns of emerging drug resistance in human parasites, following the *Pathogens* is preparing to publish a Special Issue devoted to "Helminths. Anthelmintics and Anthelmintic Resistance". Our principal aim is to publish the most innovative, novel results and insights obtained by outstanding research teams working in this field. We also welcome useful review articles summarizing the field, or recent insights related to a relevant theme.

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