

## Special Issue

# Blood-Culture Negative Endocarditis

### Message from the Guest Editors

Blood culture negative endocarditis (BCNE) is a challenge for clinicians and microbiologists because its management is difficult and can be associated with a higher risk of valvular destruction and mortality than endocarditis with documented microorganisms. BCNE still remains in a variable percentage of patients depending on geographical and socioeconomic factors. The development of molecular assays and other techniques has improved the number of patients with documented agents causing endocarditis. In this Special Issue, we encourage researchers to share their experience in this interesting and changing topic. Increasing the knowledge of endocarditis due to fastidious microorganisms and emerging ones is necessary for improving the diagnoses and prognosis of this condition.

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