

Special Issue

Characteristics, Identification and Epidemiology of Respiratory Pathogens Associated with Airway Diseases

Message from the Guest Editors

There is accumulating evidence that bacterial, viral, or fungal microbiota in the lungs predict the susceptibility of further airway infections, such as pneumonia, and contribute to the severity of different respiratory diseases. Respiratory infections could determine and worsen the outcomes of chronic obstructive pulmonary diseases (COPD) or asthma; however, there are many queries yet to be answered. In addition to widespread bacterial or viral microorganisms, there are far more pathogens with clinical relevance implicated in these diseases, but their role is not yet fully elucidated. The aim of this Special Issue is to reveal the epidemiology of pathogens associated with respiratory diseases and to unravel potential mechanisms leading to disease severity. The scope will cover a range of bacterial, viral, or fungal infections; however, preference will be given to intracellular bacteria and fungi. We look forward to receiving your contributions to this Special Issue. Please feel free to invite your young ambitious colleagues to submit either original research or review articles.

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