

Special Issue

Immunity and Vaccine Development Efforts against Trypanosomatid Parasites

Message from the Guest Editors

At present, drug treatment is the only therapeutic intervention for Chagas disease and human leishmaniasis, as well as for human and animal African trypanosomiasis. These diseases are caused by the single-cell protozoan parasites *Trypanosoma cruzi* and *Leishmania spp.*, and by *T. brucei* and a group of trypanosomatids including *T. congolense*, *T. evansi*, and *T. vivax*. In common with other Neglected Tropical Diseases, antitrypanosomatid chemotherapies either entail long-term regimens of administration and/or have severe toxicity associated, compromising treatment adherence. Additionally, treatment efficacies during the chronic phase can be variable, and the appearance of drug resistances has been documented. Therefore, availability of protective or therapeutic vaccines for them would mean a breakthrough towards controlling their impact, which collectively affects several hundred million people worldwide. This Special Issue will welcome both original research and review articles.

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