Special Issue

Echinococcosis: From Parasite-Host Interaction to Rapid Detection

Message from the Guest Editors

Echinococcosis is a zoonotic parasitic disease caused by the larvae of the *Echinococcus* genus; it is listed as one of the 17 neglected diseases by WHO. Different species/genotypes of *Echinococcus* show considerable variation in terms of their life cycle, infection site, infectivity, pathogenicity, and susceptibility to drugs. These differences are influenced by the immune regulation of different hosts during a long course of infection. The complexity in both *Echinococcus* and hosts creates great difficulty in the prevention and control of the disease. Thus, our understanding of multiple aspects on parasite-host interactions needs to be deepened. In addition, echinococcosis is often highly prevalent in under-developed regions; thus low-cost, simple, and rapid detection technologies or tools are urged for field work. In order to share the latest research findings and advances in these fields, this journal calls manuscripts for the Special Issue entitled "Echinococcosis: From Parasite-Host Interaction to Rapid Detection".

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