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Recent Progress in Multidrug-Resistant *Acinetobacter* baumannii

Message from the Guest Editors

An opportunistic pathogen called *Acinetobacter* baumannii is known for its high mortality rate, associated with hospital-acquired infections. In 2017, the WHO global priority list of antibiotic-resistant bacteria listed A. baumannii as a critical priority pathogen; scientists around the world will be guided on what must be accomplished so that new treatments can be found in an urgent for the treatment of antibioticresistant A. baumannii. The prevalence of A. baumannii infections and outbreaks emphasizes the direct need for the use of effective therapeutic agents for treating such infections. Due to the emergence of multidrug-resistant strains, existing antimicrobials like carbapenems, tigecycline, and colistin cannot provide adequate effectiveness. Alternative and novel therapeutic remedies are therefore needed. It is important to have knowledge of recent discoveries regarding the virulence factors and the mechanisms of the antimicrobial resistance of A. baumannii.

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