

Special Issue

Towards Zero Leprosy: Epidemiology and Prevention Strategy

Message from the Guest Editors

In accord with the World Health Organization's (WHO) Zero Leprosy Strategy for 2021–2030, which provides a roadmap for achieving elimination and reducing the burden of the disease worldwide, this Special Issue of our journal aims to spotlight the multifaceted challenges associated with leprosy control, particularly in regions with high endemicity. By focusing on key areas such as epidemiology, prevention, and stigma reduction, this Special Issue seeks to advance our understanding of leprosy as a public health problem and facilitate the implementation of targeted interventions. The scope of this Special Issue encompasses a broad range of topics related to leprosy control and elimination efforts. From epidemiological studies mapping the distribution of the disease to evaluations of post-exposure prophylaxis using single-dose rifampicin, the Special Issue explores innovative approaches and best practices in leprosy prevention and treatment. Additionally, it delves into the social determinants of leprosy, including stigma and discrimination, highlighting the importance of addressing these factors in comprehensive control strategies.

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