# **Special Issue**

## Streptococcal Vaccines: Current Status and Future Directions

## Message from the Guest Editor

Streptococcal infections are among the most common bacterial infections. Among Streptococcal species, three are of significant concern: (a) Group B Streptococcus (GBS), causing serious infections like pneumonia, sepsis, and meningitis; (b) *Streptococcus* pneumoniae, causing a common community-acquired pneumonia, particularly in young children and the elderly; and (c) Group A Streptococcus (GAS), causing strep throat, skin and bloodstream infections, and deadly rheumatic heart diseases. Vaccines against S. pneumoniae are available (e.g., Prevenar 13, Pneumovax 23); however, they do not offer universal protection, while vaccines against other streptococci are in development. Given the global spread, growing antibiotic resistance, and high mortality rate related to systemic infections and autoimmune postinfection complications, the need for the development of vaccines against these bacteria is of high priority.

- Vaccine development against Group A or B Streptococcus:
- Vaccines targeting other Streptococcal species;
- Adjuvants in streptococcal vaccines;
- Animal models for streptococcal vaccines;
- Clinical trials on the Streptococcal vaccines.

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