



The Sinusitis Microbiome

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Message from the Guest Editor

Dear Colleagues,

For generations our predecessors have been reliant on traditional culture techniques for microbiological study with an erroneous belief that only what could be grown on a Petri dish was of relevance. In parallel with this, hypotheses have existed around the role of the microflora in inflammatory sinus disease such that upper respiratory tract symptoms are one of the leading indications for antibiotic prescribing in the Western World. We are now in the privileged position of having at our disposal an array of modern laboratory techniques for assessing entire microbial communities. Such techniques have the capacity to answer with far greater definition the key research and clinical questions in this field.

In this Special Issue of *Sinusitis* articles on acute and chronic sinus disease, adult and paediatric disease and articles further expanding understanding of both pathogenesis and treatment of inflammatory sinus disease are welcome. Investigation of the normal sinus microflora is also critical to this field and articles including this topic are particularly encouraged.

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