



***Helicobacter pylori* Virulence Factors, Antibiotic Susceptibility and Persistent Infection**

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Message from the Guest Editors

Dear Colleagues,

The first edition of the Special Issue, entitled “*Helicobacter pylori* Virulence Factors and Antibiotic Susceptibility”, was published in 2020. It was a successful collection comprising nine excellent papers. This encouraged us to launch a second edition on the same topic.

As a continuation of the first Special Issue, this second edition focuses on state-of-the-art research regarding *H. pylori* virulence factors together with their effect on gastric tissue and correlation with several symptoms related to *H. pylori* infection and the relationship with oral/gastric microbiome and chemo-susceptibility. The aim is to better understand the complex relationship between virulence and antibiotic resistance, as well as to investigate the persistent phenotypical forms of *H. pylori* strains and a possible correlation with virulence factors.

The results of this research may help to develop therapeutical strategies with new combinations of anti-virulence strategies that will allow us to provide more specific and directed drug treatments.





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Message from the Editor-in-Chief

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