



## The Molecular Epidemiology and Antimicrobial Resistance of MRSA

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### Message from the Guest Editor

Dear Colleagues,

Methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (MRSA) is one of the leading causes of healthcare-associated MRSA (HA-MRSA) infections. MRSA is responsible for a variety of infections, ranging from simple skin and soft tissue infections to life-threatening bacteremia, pneumonia, and sepsis. Also of concern is the fact that MRSA exhibits resistance to nearly all  $\beta$ -lactams as well as to other antibiotic classes. Genomic analysis has revealed the distinct genetic origins, antimicrobial resistance determinants, and mobile genetic elements of several different MRSA clones and has also been used to monitor the spread of MRSA in healthcare and community settings. Hence, successful tracking of antibiotic resistance profile at the molecular level and knowledge of MRSA prevalence are important to direct treatment therapies.

This Special Issue aims to present up-to-date research on the molecular epidemiology and antibiotic resistance of MRSA clinical isolates. Original research articles or reviews addressing the molecular epidemiology, evolution, and spread of MRSA, as well as surveillance and antibiotic resistance in MRSA are welcome.





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## Message from the Editor-in-Chief

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