



Antibiotic Resistance and Treatment of MRSA Infection

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Message from the Guest Editor

Staphylococcus aureus is a major human pathogen associated with hospital-acquired infections, as well as an emerging cause of community-acquired infections. The selective pressure exerted by the appropriate and/or inappropriate use of antibiotics to treat *S. aureus* infections results in diverse resistance genes that lead to the development of antimicrobial resistance. Moreover, *S. aureus* capacity to form biofilms, to antimicrobial resistance and makes treatment more challenging.

This Issue thus aims to provide various strategies to treat MRSA infections. Moreover, studies aiming at elucidating the molecular basis of antimicrobial resistance, target identification, and drug development are also welcome. The overall aim is to bring together the most up-to-date perspectives and research in the areas of:

1. Development of novel drugs, vaccines, and preventive strategies against MRSA infection;
2. Adjuvant to antibiotics/combination therapy;
3. Molecular determinant of antimicrobial resistance;
4. Successes and challenges for MRSA infection control.

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Message from the Editor-in-Chief

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