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Message from the Guest Editor

Dear Colleagues,

Our improved knowledge of host innate immunity and the corresponding pathogen immune evasion strategies has highlighted the still unexplored aspects of the relationship between host and pathogen. Despite the dramatic reduction in the incidence of infectious diseases, new bacterial pathogens are emerging and old illnesses, such as tuberculosis, bacteria-induced pneumoniae, and diarrheas, still result in global mortality. Treatment with conventional antibiotics has been hampered by the increased rate of antibiotic resistance that often results from multidrug- or pandrug-resistant bacterial strains. In this context, pharmaceutical industries have been reducing the development of new antibiotics. A scenario is thus arising of a future where many bacterial infections could become untreatable. As a result, alternative non-antibiotic approaches are being explored in order to develop novel reliable therapies.

In this Special Issue, we will provide an overview of stateof-the-art molecular mechanisms of bacterial pathogenesis and innovative therapeutic approaches to fight against bacterial infection.





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