



Impact of Molecular Biology in the Prevention, Diagnosis and Treatment of Invasive Meningococcal Disease

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Dear Colleagues,

The bacteria *Neisseria meningitidis* is the aetiological agent associated with Invasive Meningococcal Disease (IMD), a devastating disease that remains a public health concern because of its rapid onset and significant risk of death and long-term disability. Even with proper therapy, the disease has a high mortality rate (5–10%) and a high number of long-term sequelae (10–20% of survivors). In recent years, the greater accessibility of molecular and cellular techniques has allowed an enormous advance in the knowledge of the disease, defining risk factors in the susceptible population, describing genetic mechanisms of antimicrobial resistance, and particularly developing new vaccines with different antigenic formulations for which new tools also based on molecular biology have been developed. Diagnosis, population biology and animal models are also topics that have ostensibly improved in parallel with molecular biology. For any of these topics, and for those that may not have been mentioned, the special issue of the journal is open to contributions both in the form of reviews and research articles.





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