



## Host versus Pathogen: *Candida* Infections, Immune Response and Therapy Perspectives

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### Message from the Guest Editors

*Candida* spp. can be detected on the mucosal surfaces of around 50–70% of healthy individuals but it can also induce a wide range of cutaneous, mucosal and systemic infections every year under predisposing conditions, such as breaches in intestinal barriers, dysbiosis and immunodeficiency.

*Candida albicans* is considered the main human fungal pathogen, but recently there has been an increase in infections induced by non-*albicans Candida* species. One of the species causing the greatest global concern is *Candida auris*, an emerging multidrug-resistant strain, first described in Japan in 2009, that has recently been included in the group of the critical priority fungal pathogens by the WHO.

The interplay between *Candida* spp. and the host immune system is fundamental to resolving the infection and, after initial recognition, innate and adaptive immune cells as well as non-immune cells, contribute to the antifungal response.

As Guest Editors of this Special Issue, we invite you to submit research articles, reviews, and short communications covering a range of *Candida* infections and the host immune response they elicit.





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