



Ocular Infections and Microbiota in Health and Disease

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Message from the Guest Editors

The ocular surface microbiome is composed of bacteria such as coagulase-negative Staphylococci and *Corynebacterium* spp., but also viruses, fungi and sometimes protozoa. The normal microbiota plays a protective immunological role in defending against the proliferation of pathogenic species. The disruption of the normal ocular surface microbiota may play a significant role as a cofactor in the pathogenesis of ophthalmic diseases. The ocular surface microbiota can be altered by several environmental influences and pathological states including dry eye syndrome, contact lens wear, keratoprosthesis, antibiotics, and infection.

Focus:

With this Special Issue, we would like to present readers with the state-of-the-art in the field of ocular infections and microbiota health and disease. We invite experts to contribute their original research, whether basic or clinical, on microbiota and eye infection to this Special Issue. Authors can also submit review articles describing the evolution of scientific discoveries for relationships between the microbiome and eye disease.





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