



## Staphylococcal Infections (Host and Pathogenic Factors)

Guest Editor:

**Dr. Rajan P. Adhikari**

Integrated Biotherapeutics, Inc.,  
Rockville, MD, USA

Deadline for manuscript  
submissions:

**closed (28 February 2021)**

### Message from the Guest Editor

Although 30% of the healthy human population is colonized with various *Staphylococcus* spp., some staphylococcal strains, referred to as opportunistic pathogens, can cause minor to life-threatening diseases. The pathogenicity of these bacteria depends on their virulence factors and the robustness of the regulatory networks expressing these virulence factors. The outcome of this microbial invasion depends not only on pathogenic factors but also on the host's internal and external defense mechanisms, including a healthy skin microbiome. As normal host microflora, these commensals establish a complex relationship with the host as well as the surrounding microbial communities. This Special Issue of *Microorganisms* is focused on studies and recent advancements in our understanding of staphylococcal virulence mechanisms that enable *Staphylococcus* spp. either to successfully establish themselves as a colonizer or to overcome the host's defense system to cause infection.





an Open Access Journal by MDPI

## Editor-in-Chief

### Dr. Nico Jehmlich

Department of Molecular  
Systems Biology, UFZ-Helmholtz  
Centre for Environmental  
Research, 04318 Leipzig,  
Germany

## Message from the Editor-in-Chief

"Microorganism" merges the idea of the very small with the idea of the evolving reproducing organism is a unifying principle for the discipline of microbiology. Our journal recognizes the broadly diverse yet connected nature of microorganisms and provides an advanced publishing forum for original articles from scientists involved in high-quality basic and applied research on any prokaryotic or eukaryotic microorganism, and for research on the ecology, genomics and evolution of microbial communities as well as that exploring cultured microorganisms in the laboratory.

## Author Benefits

**Open Access:** free for readers, with article processing charges (APC) paid by authors or their institutions.

**High Visibility:** indexed within Scopus, SCIE (Web of Science), PubMed, PMC, PubAg, CAPlus / SciFinder, AGRIS, and other databases.

**Journal Rank:** JCR - Q2 (*Microbiology*) / CiteScore - Q2 (*Microbiology*)

## Contact Us

---

*Microorganisms* Editorial Office  
MDPI, Grosspeteranlage 5  
4052 Basel, Switzerland

Tel: +41 61 683 77 34  
www.mdpi.com

mdpi.com/journal/microorganisms  
microorganisms@mdpi.com  
X@Micro\_MDPI