



***Candida* spp. and Their Virulence**

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Message from the Guest Editor

Dear Colleagues,

The genus *Candida* includes several species able to colonize and proliferate in different habitats. Although *Candida albicans* continues to be the most common agent of human infection, other species have emerged as important pathogens, such as *Candida glabrata* or *Candida parapsilosis*, and, lately, *Candida auris*. The plasticity of the biological traits of *Candida* spp. relies on their association to microbiotas in a commensal way of life. However, when they shift into aggressive agents of infection, especially in the susceptible human host, and when resistant to the available therapeutics. The virulence with which *Candida* species cause damage to the host is strongly linked to the characteristics of each *Candida* species, their ability to survive, and the armamentarium to escape or subvert the immune system. Irrespective of their virulence, the engagement of the immune response by these pathobionts can be a major contributor for immune-inflammatory diseases.

This Special Issue aims to detail the characteristics of *Candida* spp., their interaction with the immune system, and the consequences of this interaction to human health.

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