



Host-Pathogen Interaction in Respiratory Infections of the Neonate

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Message from the Guest Editors

Dear Colleagues,

The respiratory tract consists of specialized microbial ecosystems that are seeded during and immediately after birth. Disrupted development of the respiratory microbiome early in life is associated with increased susceptibility to respiratory infections later in life. Viral infections early in life may increase the risk of respiratory infections in the first year of life. Lung infection remains the leading cause of infant and child death worldwide and is responsible for a significant morbidity burden. The exact mechanisms of children developing recurrent or severe respiratory tract infections while others remain healthy are still unclear. Therefore, research on this aspect is of great significance for protecting the respiratory health of newborns.

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