



Streptococcus pneumoniae

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Message from the Guest Editors

Respiratory infections continue to be a significant cause of global mortality and consume a large portion of health-care resources in both developed and developing countries. Most reports identify *Streptococcus pneumoniae* (pneumococcus) as one of the most common and important bacterial etiologies of respiratory infections. This Special Issue will collect the latest information on pneumococcal immunology, virulence, and metabolism to demonstrate the underlying relationships among these aspects of pneumococcal pathogenesis. Investigators who are actively working in these fields are encouraged to share their findings and insights so that we may collectively identify a way forward to advance the treatment and prevention of pneumococcal disease.





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The worldwide impact of infectious disease is incalculable. The consequences for human health in terms of morbidity and mortality are obvious and vast but, when infections of animals and plants are also taken into account, it is hard to imagine any other disease that has such a significant impact on our lives—on healthcare systems, on agriculture and on world economics. *Pathogens* is proud to continue to serve the international community by publishing high quality studies that further our understanding of infection and have meaningful consequences for disease intervention.

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