



Mycobacterial Effectors Promoting Tuberculosis Infection

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Message from the Guest Editors

Dear Colleagues,

Mycobacterium tuberculosis (*Mtb*) is the causative agent of tuberculosis (TB), which is the first leading cause of death around the world due to a single infectious agent. In 2017, TB killed an estimated 1.6 million people, according to the WHO. In addition, there is an alarming increase of multi-resistant drug TB cases. Therefore, understanding the mechanisms leading to the development of the disease is urgently needed to develop efficient strategies against TB.

For this Special Issue of *Pathogens*, we kindly invite authors to submit an original research article or a review focusing on the mycobacterial effectors promoting TB infection. Potential topics could include (but are not limited to): host–pathogen interactions, virulence factors of *Mtb*, intravacuolar and/or intracytoplasmic survival of *Mtb*, mechanisms of resistance, and interference with host cell signaling.

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