



Detection and Characterization of Drug-Resistant Organisms

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Message from the Guest Editors

Dear Colleagues,

There are multiple levels of resistance, namely: multi-drug resistant (MDR), extremely drug resistant (XDR), and, in some cases, totally drug resistant (TDR) strains of the pathogens have also evolved. These include bacterial diseases, such as tuberculosis, pneumonia, and gonorrhea; viral diseases, such as HIV; and parasitic diseases, such as Lyme disease and malaria. Besides resistance, pathogens also exhibit persistence or tolerance to the drugs, without actually mutating. This Special Issue, entitled “Detection and Characterization of Antibiotic Resistant Organisms”, focuses on the concepts of resistance, persistence, and tolerance in human pathogens and their detection, characterization, and treatment. This Special Issue emphasizes the escalating problem of drug-resistance in pathogens, and supplements the existing literature on several diseases.





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