



Ecology and Pathogenicity of Nocardiae

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Message from the Guest Editor

Dear Colleagues,

Nocardiae are Gram-positive soil inhabitants of the phylum Actinobacteria. Since their discovery by Nocard in 1889, they have been implicated in diseases in humans, plants, and animals, as well as possessing environmental pollutant degrading properties. In humans, disease-causing species are mostly *Nocardia asteroides*, *N. brasiliensis*, and *N. caviae*. Nocardiosis is one of the pulmonary diseases caused by nocardiae such as *N. asteroides*, *N. farcinica*, and *N. nova*, whereas Mycetomas and sporotrichoid nocardiosis are mostly caused by *N. brasiliensis*. It is my pleasure to invite scientists who work in the field of specialization to contribute to this Special Issue titled “Ecology and Pathogenicity of Nocardiae” with their work on this special cluster of actinobacteria.

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