



## **Clinical Presentation, Management and Treatment of Infective Endocarditis**

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### **Message from the Guest Editors**

Infective endocarditis is a serious entity, which is primarily caused by bacteria, but fungi, especially *Candida* and, in some areas of the globe, *Aspergillus*, have been implicated. The incidence of blood culture-negative endocarditis varies, and BCNE is a troublesome entity, as treatment becomes hazardous, and outcomes may be worse. Radiological diagnosis of endocarditis and its embolic complications have made a large contribution and its influence continues to expand. Valve replacement surgery is lifesaving in left-sided endocarditis, but its timing and indications are still debated. There are limited options in the antimicrobial treatment of endocarditis, and its duration is debated. The prevention of endocarditis is crucial, as is patient and professional education in this respect. In this Special Issue, we will address endocarditis in its many challenging and fascinating features. We invite submissions from infectious diseases physicians, cardiologists, radiologists, epidemiologists, cardiac surgeons, and other healthcare professionals who have a special interest in endocarditis to contribute with comprehensive or systematic reviews and original articles.

