



## Status and Perspective of Asian Schistosomiasis

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### Message from the Guest Editors

Asian schistosomiasis is caused by two species of schistosomes, namely *Schistosoma japonicum* and *S. mekongi*. This Special Issue hopes to give Asian schistosomiasis equal focus as its counterpart in Africa and South America. Updates on the status of schistosomiasis in endemic countries such as China, Indonesia, the Philippines, Laos, and Cambodia will be given, especially on how far controlling and eliminating the disease have been achieved. The discovery of schistosomiasis in Myanmar will be presented in more detail. Updates on the diagnosis of infection in humans, reservoir hosts, and snail intermediate hosts are included, especially focusing on how they impact elimination efforts. Xenomonitoring will also be discussed. Innovative approaches integrated with conventional methods to improve the control and prevention of disease will be added. More potential topics will be considered, for example, the genetic diversity of Asian schistosomes and their snail intermediate hosts; updates on treatment, diagnosis, and vaccine development; surveillance of schistosomiasis in Japan to prevent the resurgence; innovative methods for the control of schistosomiasis.

