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# Antimicrobial Resistance Mechanisms and Antimicrobial Resistance Genes of Pathogens

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# **Message from the Guest Editors**

Antimicrobial resistance has become a worldwide public health threat due to the wide use of antibiotics in medicine, veterinary medicine, agriculture and poultry, and multidrug-resistant microorganisms can be frequently identified in both hospital and community settings. Antimicrobial resistance in microorganisms primarily arises from mutational adaptation, alteration of gene expression and acquisition of exogenous genetic materials. In particular, mobile genetic elements act as highly flexible genetic platforms of antimicrobial resistance genes, and they have intercellular or intracellular mobility and thus greatly promote the accumulation and spread of antimicrobial resistance genes between the same or different microbial species. This Special Issue seeks manuscript submissions that offer insights into the surveillance, epidemiology, biochemistry, genetics and genomics of antimicrobial resistance genes and associated mobile genetic elements.













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# **Message from the Editor-in-Chief**

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