



Evaluation of New Molecules in Severe Infectious Diseases

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Message from the Guest Editors

Dear Colleagues,

Hospital- and community-acquired Gram-positive and Gram-negative infections pose a substantial burden in terms of morbidity, mortality, and healthcare costs. The emergence of bacterial resistance to conventional antibiotics has become commonplace and heightened concern about the need for new drugs endowed with broader activity, which are useful in cases of infections unresponsive to common antimicrobial agents. Moreover, the introduction of new traditional antibiotics to counter these pathogens has frequently been closely followed by the emergence of resistant strains. For this reason, recent interest in the search for alternative therapeutics is growing, and it is becoming critical to identify effective agents to treat multidrug-resistant infections with novel mechanisms of activity.





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Message from the Editor-in-Chief

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