



Genetic Engineering in Mycobacteria and Modern Microbiological Studies

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Message from the Guest Editor

Dear Colleagues,

Tuberculosis kills 1.5 million people every year. The tuberculosis causative agent (*Mycobacterium tuberculosis*) has a unique ability to evade host immunity effectively and survive for years in the host organism in acute or dormant forms. The situation is further worsened by the spread of multiresistant strains, while existing TB vaccines do not provide secure protection.

Targeted changes introduced in the bacterial genome make it possible to investigate molecular mechanisms of interactions between mycobacteria and the host, explore the physiology of transition to and from latent tuberculosis infection, and find new targets for antimycobacterial drugs.

We are pleased to invite you to contribute to a Special Issue of *Microorganisms* (IF=4.926) concerning any aspects of genetic engineering of mycobacteria, both *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* and closely related species, and their applications in breakthrough mycobacterial studies.

The Special Issue is aimed at the exchange of information among leading scientists dealing with the study of mycobacteria, their physiology, and the development of antituberculosis drugs and vaccines using genetic methods.





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