



Current Research on Pathogenesis of Severe Rickettsial Infection

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Rickettsial infection is caused by various bacteria belonging to six genera of Rickettsia: Rickettsia, Orientia, Anaplasma, Ehrlichia, Neoehrlichia, and Neorickettsia. Rickettsia is spread by various arthropods, including ticks, mites, lice and fleas, and distributed all over the world. Many members of rickettsiae are important causes of severe and potentially life-threatening diseases. Although there are considerable health risks, only a few studies focus on the pathogenesis of rickettsia.

The special issue is entitled "Current Research on Pathogenesis of Severe Rickettsial Infection", and invites research articles, comprehensive reviews, and comments on hot topics in the field of these *Rickettsia* spp. The purpose of this topic is to have keen insight into bacterial pathogenesis and to provide new ideas for the control and prevention of severe rickettsial diseases.





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