



Advanced Diagnosis of Schistosomiasis

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Message from the Guest Editor

Dear Colleagues,

Schistosomiasis is one of the neglected tropical diseases (NTDs) defined by World Health Organization (WHO), posing a transmission risk to more than 800 million people worldwide and causing high morbidity and mortality. The WHO is implementing measures centered on MDAs with the goal of “elimination as a public health risk” by 2030. However, there is an urgent need to develop diagnostic and post-treatment monitoring methods with high sensitivity and specificity, as well as systems for monitoring infected snails. In this Special Issue, we will discuss novel and innovative human and animal diagnostic methods for schistosomiasis, including immunological diagnosis methods (ELISA, simple rapid diagnostic kits), molecular diagnosis methods (qPCR, digital-droplet PCR, LAMP, miRNA detection), and gene detection technologies for monitoring intermediate host snails (environmental DNA, risk mapping, etc.). We would appreciate your consideration of our contribution.





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