



Antibiotic Use in the Communities

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Message from the Guest Editors

Antimicrobial resistance has rapidly increased and become a major threat to global public health. Antimicrobial resistance is accelerated by the reckless use of antibiotics in health care by health care workers and the public as well as in agriculture. Hence, the reason for the increase in antimicrobial resistance is, to a large degree, behavioral. In addition to appropriate prescription and use of antibiotics, other behavioral measures to prevent infections, such as maintaining vaccines and hygiene, help to prevent antibiotic resistance.

This Special Issue, “Antibiotic Use in the Community”, focuses on behavioral aspects of antibiotic use and infection prevention in the community. Papers addressing the great variety of behavioral aspects in antibiotic use and infection control are welcome. These can include socioeconomic, cultural, educational, and psychological studies, and can be based on any research design from quantitative to qualitative studies and macro-level indicators.





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Message from the Editor-in-Chief

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