



Photodynamic Therapy in the Inactivation of Microorganisms

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Message from the Guest Editor

Dear Colleagues,

This Special Issue aims to update the recent knowledge about antimicrobial photodynamic therapy. Although the efficacy of antimicrobial photodynamic therapy (aPDT) has been proved to be an alternative to the conventional antimicrobials, there is still room for new improvements namely to translate the approach to medical and environmental areas. Some important aspects are related with the development of synthetic strategies able to afford efficient photosensitizers at low cost and also of photodynamic protocols where the amount of the photosensitizer or the treatment time is decreased. It is expected that this special issue can also motivate groups to respond to the currently underutilization in clinic and environmental applications in order to obtain safe aPDT protocols to the host and to the environment.

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