



Leptospira and Leptospirosis: Molecular Pathogenesis and Virulence

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This special issue welcomes research papers focused on pathogenesis and virulence of *Leptospira*. Potential topics include, but are not limited to *Leptospira* genome structure and evolution, genetic factors determining susceptibility to infection (host preference, host/reservoir status), one- and two-component regulatory systems (TCSs), families of virulence factors (flagellar proteins, outer membrane lipoproteins and lecine-rich repeat proteins), protein secretion and extracellular proteases, immune response to *Leptospira* infection and traditional and high-throughput experimental methods to discover novel virulence factors.

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