



## Alveolar Echinococcosis: Joining Hands to Tackle a Lethal Parasitosis

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### Message from the Guest Editors

Dear Colleagues,

Human alveolar echinococcosis (AE) remains a challenge for clinicians and public health systems in affected countries. Experimental, epidemiological and clinical research gave us some insight into one of the world's most lethal parasitoses, yet we still are far from fully understanding this disease.

Therefore, we would like to invite you as experts in this field, to add a piece to the puzzle and share your research results on *Echinococcus multilocularis*. Compiling and integrating our research will improve our ability to prevent, diagnose, and treat AE and hopefully reduce the burden of disease.

This special edition of PATHOGENS aims to share research with clinical implications from all AE-affected countries. More precisely, the focus lies upon the following research questions:





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## Message from the Editor-in-Chief

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