



## **Caries Management**

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### **Message from the Guest Editor**

Dear colleagues,

Young children demonstrate the highest caries burden across all age groups. Caries in primary teeth not only predicts caries in permanent teeth, but also predisposes individuals to various noncommunicable diseases in later life.

Untreated caries in children remains a major global public health challenge. This may partly be due to their fear of the dental drill or anesthetic injection, or lack of co-operative ability during dental check-up and treatment because of their young age or specific disabilities. Uncontrolled initial caries may gradually worsen and become larger and symptomatic.

Dental caries results from caries pathogens that produce acids from the decomposition of sugars to interrupt the tooth-surface mineralization balance and induce the demineralization of dental hard tissues. Based on the mechanism, caries is preventable and repairable by utilizing efficacious strategies that target the inhibition of caries pathogen biofilm formation, reduction of dental hard tissue demineralization, and promotion of remineralization. This Special Issue focuses on the current state of knowledge on childhood caries and innovative strategies for its management.





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