Raw Milk Consumption, Health or Hazard?

Message from the Guest Editors

Dear Colleagues,

The aim of this issue of *Animals* is to focus on human health in relation to consumption of raw milk and products thereof, as well as the environmental and social impact of raw milk production systems. Recent research has raised the question of whether milk and milk products should be part of the human diet. At the same time, milk, milk products, and especially raw milk have been shown to be health-promoting in a wide range of immune-related noncommunicable diseases, like asthma and allergies.

Solutions to prevent the potential, negative impact of raw milk consumption in relation to zoonotic diseases should be tackled as well as information to reduce the negative image of raw milk for children, people with a reduced immunity, and pregnant women.

Original research manuscripts that address any aspects of the theme are invited for this Special Issue. Topics should either address the conflict situation of dairy consumption or show how raw milk and raw milk products can be part of a health strategy for children or adults and how a healthy holistic dairy production system can contribute to the overall welfare of our societies.
Message from the Editor-in-Chief

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