

# Special Issue

## Use of Saliva in Animal Physiology

### Message from the Guest Editors

In recent decades, there has been significant interest in using saliva as a biological fluid for determining different physiological states in animals by identifying and quantifying the biomarkers within it. Saliva can be obtained using minimally invasive procedures according to actual welfare standards, unlike blood. Some biomarkers in the blood can be identified in saliva, and they have similar patterns of change at different physiological conditions. Additionally, other biomarkers can be evaluated differently in saliva compared to in the blood, and some can only be observed in saliva. Therefore, measuring salivary biomarkers can provide invaluable information for explaining or understanding the different physiological changes in animals under varying conditions.

I invite you to submit studies to this new Special Issue of *Animals*, which aims to increase knowledge in animal physiology mechanisms by showcasing studies investigating salivary biomarkers that can monitor different physiological conditions. These include healthy status, diseases states, welfare compromise, endocrine probes, metabolic states, and exercise physiology, among others.

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