## **Special Issue**

# Equine Exercise Physiology: From Molecules to Racing

#### Message from the Guest Editor

Horses are a supreme athlete among nature's creatures, although they are sometimes fragile. While exercise physiology in horses has been an important field of study since the late 1960s, there is burgeoning interest in the face of social pressures. With the concerns over the social license to operate equestrian sport, it is more important than ever to ensure that we understand these animal athletes and their responses to exercise, training, and performance.

This Special Issue aims to collate a single edition of scientific articles describing the basic and applied physiology of horses to exercise stresses. Articles can be basic scientific studies with "horse" and "exercise" as the key components, or they can be more clinically applicable measures of equine responses to training or performance. Studies describing dysfunctional responses of horses to exercise are also welcome. We welcome submissions that may include (but are not limited to) the following forms: articles, reviews, communications, commentaries, and case reports. I look forward to receiving your contributions.

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