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Message from the Guest Editors

Birds represent a natural reservoir of different viral and bacterial diseases. Avian diseases, which are associated with a high morbidity rate, a high mortality rate, and epizootic spread, have a devastating impact on poultry production worldwide, causing economic losses and a shortage of poultry proteins for human nutrition, particularly in developing countries. Human health may also be threatened by the zoonotic transmission of viral (e.g., avian influenza virus) or bacterial (e.g., *Campylobacter*) avian diseases and direct or indirect contact with infected birds/bird-products, whose consumption can, in addition, help to disseminate antibiotic-resistant bacteria of avian origin. We invite scientists to submit original research manuscripts, literature reviews, and communications on topics including (but not limited to): advances in avian disease diagnosis, characterization, and epidemiology; the management of avian diseases; avian welfare; zoonotic avian diseases; pathogen evolution; and the prevention and control of avian diseases.

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