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Functional genomics has emerged as a cornerstone for deciphering gene-phenotype linkages in animals, driving breakthroughs in agriculture, conservation, and biomedical research. By integrating high-throughput sequencing, gene editing, and bioinformatics, this field illuminates how genetic variation shapes physiological traits, disease susceptibility, and evolutionary adaptation. We invite contributions that leverage these tools to advance our understanding of animal biology. This Special Issue aims to explore cutting-edge applications of functional genomics across livestock, wildlife, and model organisms. Aligning with the journal's focus on translational research, we seek studies that bridge molecular mechanisms to real-world outcomes, such as improved livestock resilience, wildlife conservation strategies, or novel disease models. We welcome original research, reviews, and methods papers. Topics may include CRISPR-based functional screens, epigenomic regulation of complex traits, hostmicrobiome interactions, and comparative genomics of adaptation. Interdisciplinary studies combining genomics with physiology, ecology, or bioinformatics are strongly encouraged.

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