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## Prebiotics and Probiotics for Health Promotion

## Message from the Guest Editors

In recent years, there has been an increased interest in the scientific community concerning the microbiota and its relationship with health and disease. Studies regarding the therapeutic potential of restoring dysbiosis as a treatment for common diseases have shown that the administration of prebiotics and probiotics, in combination or separately, is both simple and accessible. Many researchers have demonstrated the effectiveness of pre- and pro-biotics in promoting health or treating certain morbidities (i.e., COVID-19, H. pylori infection, vaginosis, etc.); however, concerns have been raised regarding the possible risks of administrating probiotics. Prebiotics are simple nutrients that, when degraded by the gut microbiota, produce metabolic molecules that act locally, regulating the microbial communities, or can enter into the bloodstream, reaching distant tissues and affecting their physiology. This Special Issue aims to promote the research and discussion regarding the current knowledge of probiotics/prebiotics, their potential clinical applications, and their possible side effects.

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