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Advances in the Immunology of Aquatic Animals

Message from the Guest Editors

Aquaculture plays an increasingly central role in global food security, sustainable development, and ecosystem services. Ensuring the health of aquatic animals is therefore not only a biological necessity but a strategic priority for the long-term viability of aquaculture systems under increasing pressure from disease, environmental stressors, and climate change. This Special Issue seeks to gather cutting-edge research and comprehensive reviews that advance our understanding of the immune systems of fish and shellfish, while also addressing the broader environmental, technological, and socio-economic contexts in which aquaculture operates. We particularly welcome contributions that bridge fundamental immunological science with practical applications in vaccine development, disease surveillance, and sustainable aquaculture management. Contributions that integrate interdisciplinary approaches—such as omics technologies, ecological immunology, and One Health frameworks—are strongly encouraged.

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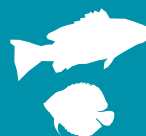
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