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Message from the Guest Editor

Dear Colleagues,

Metagenomics sequencing has evolved in pace with developments in next-generation sequencing and bioinformatic analysis. The identification of microbes at the genus and species level is achieved from environmental samples. In this Special Issue, we would like to put emphasis on currently established microbiome sequencing and analysis techniques such as the shotgun sequencing of DNA or RNA, metataxonomics (16S/18S/Internal Transcribed Spacer sequencing), and meta-transcriptomics (mRNA sequencing). Moreover, third-generation sequencing techniques with long-read sequencing approaches are also of novel interest. Finally, databases also play an important role for new and reusable sequencing data, enabling more robust comparative genomic and integrative functional studies.

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