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Emerging Applications in Synthetic Biology

Message from the Guest Editors

Synthetic biology is a rapidly moving field that combines molecular biology approaches with engineering concepts, which has a very large potential impact across all human endeavors. While topics, such as the production of biofuels and industrial chemicals in microorganisms, and gene editing with CRISPR-Cas9, have been the subject of many reviews, we feel that synthetic biology has a much broader array of applications, some of which we would like to highlight in this Special Issue.

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