

## Special Issue

# Application of New Gene Editing Techniques in Pig Breeding

### Message from the Guest Editor

Pigs are among the most important livestock for meat production. With the development of gene editing techniques and the identification of major genes affecting economically important traits, genetic engineering in livestock has been widely applied for disease resistance and genetic improvement of production traits. Compared with other gene editing techniques, CRISPR/Cas9 systems are powerful tools for gene editing and allow for the creation of new genotypes by changing the target loci that introduce the locus double strand breaks and addressed by endogenous repair pathways. To date, gene edited pigs such as MSTN and CD163 gene edited pigs have been used to breed new strains of pigs with disease resistance and higher productivity in agriculture. Besides, pigs are regarded as ideal biomedical animals owing to their similarity in anatomy, physiology, and organ size to humans, and many pig models of human diseases have been established for drug screening and pathogenic mechanisms. In this Special Issue, we invite researchers to submit articles, reviews, and prospects about gene editing techniques and their applications in pig breeding and biomedical research.

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