# Special Issue

# Diet, Gut Microbiota and Metabolic Health

# Message from the Guest Editors

The intestinal tracts of animals harbor complex and dynamic microorganisms known as the gut microbiota, which have emerged as a key player in regulating various physiological processes, including digestion. metabolism, and immunity. Both long- and short-term diets are considered the major determinates of out microbiota, as ingested nutrients interact with and determine the resident microbial community and function. In contrast, gut microbiota exert direct effects on the digestion, absorption, and metabolism of food. Consequently, diet-microbiota interactions play an important role in host metabolism and health. The scope of this Special Issue, titled "Diet, Gut Microbiota and Metabolic Health", is devoted to original papers and literature reviews relevant to the effects of dietmicrobiota interactions in host metabolism, as well as nutritional strategies targeting microbiota for the prevention and treatments of metabolic diseases.

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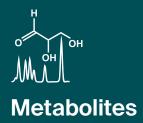
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