



Halophilic Microorganisms

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Message from the Guest Editor

Halophiles are microorganisms adapted for living at hypersaline environments and other saline products. Most of them belong to the bacteria and archaea domains, and their interest is of special relevance both for their adaptation mechanisms to extreme conditions and for their potential biotechnological applications. In recent years, the isolation and taxonomic characterization of halophiles have allowed us to learn more in detail about their heterogeneity, their metabolic and physiological diversity, or ecological distribution and biodiversity. Culture-independent techniques, such as metagenomics and -omics studies, are particularly providing an incentive these studies on halophiles to continue, as there is still an immense field to explore in this regard.

In this Special Issue of *Microorganisms*, you are invited to send contributions (original articles as well as reviews) concerning the biology, taxonomy, biodiversity, and biotechnological applications of halophilic microorganisms, as well as using genomic and metagenomic approaches to study microbial communities.





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