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# **Genetic, Metabolic and Microbial Activity in Plants**

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Dear Colleagues,

In recent years, nanotechnology, microbiology, and biotechnology approaches have been the starting point of revolutionary innovations in the applicative research field, such as the discovery of new active compounds used in pharmaceutical, nutraceutical, and agri-food industries. However, microbes (including endophytes, epiphytes, rhizobacteria, or mycorrhizae), nanoscience and nanoparticles, and omics sciences have not yet expressed their full potential to further enrich the field of possibilities.

There is currently widespread interest in utilizing innovative drugs, essential oils, and plant extracts to manage crops, as alternatives to conventional methods. The use of plant microbiomes as supplements to complement or replace the chemical fertilizers and other agrochemicals compounds in a more sustainable way also represents an innovative approach in agriculture.

This Special Issue of Microorganisms will take stock of the latest news concerning nanotechnologies, microbiology, and biotechnology and underline their potential in plant health defense to improve agricultural practices and production.

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