

# Special Issue

## Exploration of Marine Microbial Resources

### Message from the Guest Editor

Marine ecosystems—spanning hydrothermal vents to polar ice shelves—harbor the planet’s most phylogenetically and metabolically diverse microbial communities. Crucially, these organisms thrive under extreme conditions (e.g., high pressure, salinity gradients, and nutrient scarcity), driving evolutionary innovations unmatched in terrestrial environments. Consequently, they serve as vital sources of structurally novel natural products and industrially robust enzymatic tools. Nevertheless, metagenomic and genomic studies reveal that marine environments still harbor vast reservoirs of uncultured microorganisms and silent biosynthetic gene clusters (BGCs) awaiting targeted interrogation via advanced culturomics and activation strategies. For this Special Issue of *Microorganisms*, we are pleased to invite you to submit research articles and review articles related to marine microorganisms, including but not limited to biodiversity, natural product discovery and biosynthesis, and biotechnological applications. By bridging genomics, chemistry, and synthetic biology, we aim to catalyze transformative advances in drug discovery, industrial enzymology, and sustainable biotechnology.

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