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Bacterial and Antibiotic Resistance in the Environment (Second Edition)

Message from the Guest Editors

Antibiotic resistance (AR) is one of the most serious public health threats of our time. Modern life has introduced novel technologies, including widespread antibiotics, ventilation, and plastics, that pose new challenges to bacteria. The misuse of antibiotics has historically resulted in the rise of antimicrobial resistance, leading to the transmission of untreatable illnesses and, in some cases, death. Hotspots for antibiotic-resistant bacteria include wastewater systems, food and animal production sites, and clinical settings such as hospitals. However, the mechanisms by which microbes exposed to these environmental challenges acquire AR remain largely unknown.

The importance of this field justifies a Special Issue of Microorganisms devoted to the latest progress in the detection, assessment, and modeling of antibiotic resistance in the environment. Accordingly, as, we invite you to submit research articles focusing on environmental factors affecting the behavior and transmission of bacteria and potentially triggering antibiotic resistance.

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