

# Special Issue

## Biofilm: Formation, Control, and Applications

### Message from the Guest Editor

Bacterial biofilms are aggregates of single or multiple species of bacteria formed at various interfaces, such as solid–liquid, liquid–air, or liquid–liquid interfaces. Beneficial biofilms have played important roles in bioremediation, fermentation, nuclear waste cleanup, and manufacturing. However biofilms can also be detrimental by causing infections, biofouling, and biocorrosion. Understanding how biofilms are formed is critical to efficiently prevent and remove detrimental biofilms and optimally engineer biofilms with beneficial attributes. Recently, the material properties (e.g., viscosity and elasticity) of biofilms are attracting extensive attention due to their roles in controlling the activities of embedded cells (e.g., metabolic activities and cell-to-cell interactions) and the responses of biofilms to external perturbations (e.g., biofilm disruption). This Special Issue welcomes research on bacterial biofilms to better understand the molecular mechanisms of biofilm formation for biofilm control.

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