

# Special Issue

## Microbial Contamination in Indoor Environments

### Message from the Guest Editor

The quality of the indoor environment plays a crucial role in human health and productivity, particularly given the significant amount of time individuals spend indoors, whether at home or in the workplace. While chemical pollutants have been extensively studied, microbial contaminants have often been neglected. As a result, workers and occupants are constantly exposed to a wide variety of species, including those that are part of the natural flora, as well as opportunistic and pathogenic varieties that may contribute to adverse health outcomes. Various environmental factors can be considered, and a broad range of sampling methods and assays can be used to assess exposure to microbial contamination. This Special Issue will focus on the key contextual information to be gathered in each setting, the sampling and analysis methods used, and the potential health consequences of these exposures.

### Guest Editor

Prof. Dr. Carla Viegas

1. H & TRC—Health & Technology Research Center, ESTeSL—Escola Superior de Tecnologia e Saúde, Instituto Politécnico de Lisboa, 1990-096 Lisbon, Portugal
2. Public Health Research Centre, NOVA National School of Public Health, Universidade NOVA de Lisboa, 1099-085 Lisbon, Portugal
3. Comprehensive Health Research Center (CHRC), NOVA Medical School, Universidade NOVA de Lisboa, 1169-056 Lisbon, Portugal

### Deadline for manuscript submissions

closed (31 March 2026)



## Microorganisms

---

an Open Access Journal  
by MDPI

---

Impact Factor 4.2  
CiteScore 7.7  
Indexed in PubMed



[mdpi.com/si/231873](https://mdpi.com/si/231873)

*Microorganisms*  
Editorial Office  
MDPI, Grosspeteranlage 5  
4052 Basel, Switzerland  
Tel: +41 61 683 77 34  
[microorganisms@mdpi.com](mailto:microorganisms@mdpi.com)

[mdpi.com/journal/  
microorganisms](https://mdpi.com/journal/microorganisms)





## Microorganisms

---

an Open Access Journal  
by MDPI

---

Impact Factor 4.2  
CiteScore 7.7  
Indexed in PubMed



[mdpi.com/journal/  
microorganisms](https://mdpi.com/journal/microorganisms)



## About the Journal

### Message from the Editor-in-Chief

"Microorganism" merges the idea of the very small with the idea of the evolving reproducing organism is a unifying principle for the discipline of microbiology. Our journal recognizes the broadly diverse yet connected nature of microorganisms and provides an advanced publishing forum for original articles from scientists involved in high-quality basic and applied research on any prokaryotic or eukaryotic microorganism, and for research on the ecology, genomics and evolution of microbial communities as well as that exploring cultured microorganisms in the laboratory.

---

### Editor-in-Chief

Dr. Nico Jehmlich

Department of Molecular Toxicology, UFZ-Helmholtz Centre for Environmental Research, 04318 Leipzig, Germany

---

### Author Benefits

#### High Visibility:

indexed within Scopus, SCIE (Web of Science), PubMed, PMC, PubAg, CAPlus / SciFinder, AGRIS, and other databases.

#### Journal Rank:

JCR - Q2 (Microbiology) / CiteScore - Q1 (Microbiology (medical))

#### Rapid Publication:

manuscripts are peer-reviewed and a first decision is provided to authors approximately 20 days after submission; acceptance to publication is undertaken in 2.9 days (median values for papers published in this journal in the second half of 2025).