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# Effect of Pre- and Perinatal Factors and Infant Nutrition on the Intestinal Microbiota

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Dear Colleagues,

The intestinal microbiota is an essential determinant of human health. Research on the gut microbiota of infants and young children is still guite limited. Children are already in contact with microorganisms in foetal life, and these interactions increase rapidly after birth and during breastfeeding. The increasing number of caesarean section births, antibiotics and other drugs and formula feeding undoubtedly affect the baby's microbiome. Therefore, it is essential to study factors that may affect the microbiome, the immune system, or the intestinal barrier in early life. It is also important to implement early prevention and modification of the microbiome to prevent its alterations' adverse consequences. In this Special Issue of Nutrients, we would like to present reviews and original articles covering the latest developments in studying the effects of pre- and perinatal factors (nutrition, body mass, medication, lifestyle, mode of delivery, etc.) and infant nutrition on the intestinal microbiota. We hope that our Special Issue will contribute to deepening our knowledge in this area and provide the basis for creating new prophylactic and therapeutic standards.







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