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Maternal Nutritional Status and Gut Microbiome Composition

Message from the Guest Editor

Over time, the roles of the microbiome (gut, oral, and vaginal) in pregnancy and complications of pregnancy have become apparent. Outside pregnancy, it is very clear that dietary intake is a major determinant of the composition of the microbiome, especially the gut microbiota. However, this association between dietary intake and the microbiome composition has not been clearly established. In the post-partum period, appropriate dietary intake is critical for the establishment and maintenance of breastfeeding, and the microbiome of the mother may be a contributing factor. In this Special Issue, we focus on the interactions between the microbiome composition and nutritional intake in pregnancy and lactation to establish the similarities and differences between these interactions in and outside pregnancy. We also aim to explore whether complications of pregnancy such as gestational diabetes and pregnancy-related hypertensive disorders alter the interactions between the microbiome and nutrition.

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