# Special Issue

# Caenorhabditis elegans as a Test Model in Environmental Toxicology

### Message from the Guest Editors

This Special Issue aims to assemble pioneering research exploring the range of uses of *C. elegans* within the broad field of environmental toxicology including its use for the rapid screening of the toxicity of chemicals found within the environment. Topics of interest include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Studies using *elegans* to assess the environmental impact of chemical exposures in a field setting using standardized protocols;
- Linking laboratory toxicity studies with higher tier studies (e.g., microcosms) or field studies;
- Mechanistic studies using elegans to assess environmental toxicant-induced disruptions;
- Studies exploring new exposure methods for using elegans in environmental toxicology, including highthroughput screening, automated phenotyping, and CRISPR-Cas9 gene editing;
- Comparative toxicology and the cross-species relevance of findings with *elegans*;
- Toxicity studies for new, emerging substances (e.g., microplastics, PFAS, nano-pesticides), exploring various toxicity mechanisms;
- Exploring the influence of confounding environmental factors (e.g., climate change) on the outcome of toxicity studies with *C. elegans*.

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