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Editors' Prelude to *Microbiome Research Reports*

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It is our sincere pleasure to introduce a new scientific journal named *Microbiome Research Reports* (acronym *MRR*), born out of an ambitious initiative from the Editorial Board of this new journal. Our motivation to initiate a new journal on microbiome research was driven by the importance and impact of the microbiome for human and planetary health, with related research interest and effort driven by the scientific community on the subject. In fact, research findings on this subject represent a Copernican Revolution influencing all research branches of the Life Sciences. For example, vast efforts are currently invested in elucidating potential links between microbiome and disease, which could lead to the discovery of microbial biomarkers for novel therapeutic and preventative strategies. We feel that it is very timely to launch a new journal focusing on Microbiome studies in humans and other animals, i.e., both wild- and domesticated-animals, being convinced that it will be a platform for the dissemination of microbiome discoveries.

The aim of *Microbiome Research Reports* is to publish high-quality studies focusing on the analysis of host-associated microbiota communities as well as on microbe-microbe interactions and microbe-host cross-talk. *Microbiome Research Reports* will be interested in publishing studies that investigate the molecular mechanisms underpinning microbe-host and microbe-microbe interactions as well as the microbial/host metabolites, enzymes, extracellular vesicles, cell surface polysaccharides, and other molecules involved in these mechanisms. Notably, these studies must be hypothesis-driven. In fact, a plethora of descriptive studies is available that provide information on the composition of the microbiota residing in different bodily regions of (healthy and diseased) human beings or other animals, although our knowledge on the functional roles played by these microorganisms and the underlying mechanisms involved is still limited. The latter will represent one of the main interests of *Microbiome Research Reports*. Specific interests of *MRR* include:

- The structure, activities and communal behavior of microbial communities;
- Microbial community diversity, genetics and evolutionary processes;
- Microbial symbioses, microbial interactions;
- Microbial metabolic and structural diversity;
- Microbial physiology, growth and survival;
- Microbes and surfaces, adhesion and biofouling;
- Modelling, theory development and new analysis pipelines;
- Viromes/phageome;
- Antimicrobials and competition in microbiomes;
- Fungal communities (mycobiomes);
- Exploration of microbial dark matter;
- Culturomics approaches applied to microbiomes;
- Metabolomics and proteomic approaches applied to microbiomes;
- Metatranscriptomics applied to microbiomes;
- New technological developments in the study of composition and activities of microbial communities, as-yet uncultured microorganisms;
- Gnotobiotic studies;
- Development of minimal microbial consortia and synthetic communities for functional microbe-host studies;
- Probiotics, prebiotics, synbiotics and postbiotics;
- Microbial-derived metabolites originating from food/feed and playing a role on host physiology;
- Effect of microbiota modulation in gastrointestinal disorders;
- Effect of microbiota modulation in metabolic disorders;
- Novel treatments and clinical trials;
- Impact of dietary components on the microbiota, and inter-individual variation in responses;
- Host-microbiome interaction in immune response.

Microbiome studies involving multi-omics approaches and those providing insights into the molecular mechanisms and metabolic pathways behind those mechanisms used by microbes are very welcome by *Microbiome Research Reports*.

All submissions received by *Microbiome Research Reports* will undergo a rigorous and fair peer-review process which is directed by an Editorial Board that is composed by key scientists across various areas of microbiome research. The Inaugural Issue of our journal will be officially launched in the first quarter of 2022. The accepted manuscript will be online released in advance in the following months.

Our ambition is to become one of the top journals on Microbiome research within a period of three years, and we gratefully take this opportunity to invite you to submit your premium scientific studies to *Microbiome Research Reports*.

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