



## Understanding Host-Microbe Interactions: Conflict or Harmony?

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### Message from the Guest Editors

Microorganisms have evolved different relationships with human hosts, including commensalism, colonization, infection, and persistence. Their long-lasting association with humans has led to a multitude of functional interactions. Studies on the complex microbial communities inhabiting the human body have revealed the symbiotic nature of their relationship, whose unbalance can significantly affect human health.

In recent years, improvements in in vitro eukaryotic culture models and the combination of high-throughput omics technologies have boosted our understanding in this field. Therefore, this Special Issue will focus on the various aspects of host–pathogen interaction, including host–microbial physiology, pathogenesis, and host immune protective mechanisms. This issue also covers the role of regulatory RNAs in the bidirectional communication between bacteria and human host cells in health and disease.





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