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## Diversity and Interactions Between Mites and Vertebrates

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### Message from the Guest Editors

Mites (Acari) represent a highly diverse group of organisms with remarkable adaptability, often forming close symbiotic relationships with vertebrates. These interactions, ranging from commensalism to parasitism, play crucial roles in the health and ecological dynamics of their vertebrate hosts. Despite extensive research, many aspects of these complex relationships remain understudied.

Recent advances in molecular techniques and ecological studies have opened new avenues for understanding the diversity and evolutionary history of mites associated with vertebrates. This has led to the discovery of new species and to re-evaluating the systematics and taxonomy of known taxa. Additionally, these studies have provided insights into the ecological roles and behaviors of mites, which are essential for comprehending their impact on vertebrate hosts.

This Special Issue aims to compile and synthesize data from various research fields to advance our understanding of mite–vertebrate interactions. We invite submission of high-quality original papers focusing on the systematics, distribution, ecology, evolution, behavior, or conservation of mite taxa associated with vertebrates.



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