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## The Role of Intestinal Microbiota in the Conservation of Wild Animals

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Stable intestinal microbes have an important effect on the protection of their hosts, and directly participate in physiology, metabolism and immune processes. Some studies have shown that intestinal microbes can be used as indicators to reflect the health status of animals. However, a variety of factors can disrupt the balance of intestinal microbial communities and eventually lead to disease. Thus, identifying disease/health status-related microbes and quantifying their relationship with disease/health status is integral to understanding the interactions between the intestinal microbiota and the host.

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