



## Alternatives to Antibiotics: Bacteriocins and Antimicrobial Peptides

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### Message from the Guest Editor

Dear Colleagues ,

In recent years, the often indiscriminate use of antibiotics to control infectious diseases has led to an increase in multidrug antimicrobial resistance, causing serious problems in several fields. Therefore, this has become a critical issue for the discovery and development of new antimicrobial agents. Antimicrobial peptides and bacteriocins are some of the most promising candidates. Antimicrobial peptides are host defense peptides with a broad spectrum of activity, not only against bacteria, but also against fungi, parasites, and even enveloped viruses, and are less likely to induce resistance. Bacteriocins are bactericidal peptides produced by bacteria, that also exhibit antimicrobial activity with variable spectrum, depending on the peptide. Both these antimicrobial agents are already implemented in some areas, their true potential remains unlocked. This Special Issue is looking for manuscript submissions on all aspects of antibacterial peptides and bacteriocins, both old and new, and on how they can contribute to further benefiting human and veterinary health. Original research manuscripts, short communications, and reviews are welcomed.





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## Message from the Editor-in-Chief

There are very few fields that attract as much attention as scientific endeavor related to antibiotic discovery, use and preservation. The public, patients, scientists, clinicians, policy-makers, NGOs, governments, and supra-governmental organizations are all focusing intensively on it: all are concerned that we use our existing agents more effectively, and develop and evaluate new interventions in time to face emerging challenges for the benefit of present and future generations. We need every discipline to contribute and collaborate: molecular, microbiological, clinical, epidemiological, geographic, economic, social scientific and policy disciples are all key. *Antibiotics* is a nimble, inclusive and rigorous indexed journal as an enabling platform for all who can contribute to solving the greatest broad concerns of the modern world.

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