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Message from the Guest Editor

Dear Colleagues,

The purpose of today's maternal healthcare and perinatal medicine is not merely ending pregnancy and parturition safely. The goal of fostering a healthy next generation is becoming more and more important than ever. This is why, in recent years, there has been an increasing interest in maternal mental health, nursing by exclusive breastfeeding and natural parenting styles worldwide. In addition, the epidemiological observation that an adverse intrauterine environment affects the psychophysiological development of infants by the programming effects and may lead to the future development of lifestyle-related diseases reaffirm the importance of maternal healthcare for the next generation.

This Special Issue seeks papers on health science of pregnant women and children, new clinical approaches for perinatal and parental care, and epidemiological surveys concerning the life of the mother and children. We also welcome high-quality systematic reviews related to these matters. I would be very happy if this Special Issue serves as a trigger for considering more effective ways of maternal and child healthcare in the future.

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