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# Exploring the Molecular Mechanisms of the Microbiome in Reproductive Health and Reproductive Immunity

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# **Message from the Guest Editor**

Dear Colleagues,

Human reproduction research is expanding and providing important data on the interactions between the microbiome and not only the female but also the male reproductive system. The reproductive microbiome has a major impact on male and female reproductive function and health. The effects of the microbiome on the physiological parameters of human reproduction are essential to fertilization and a successful outcome in a pregnancy. Vaginal bacteria can also affect pregnancy outcomes by affecting cell signaling or immune activation. Less attention has been paid to the male reproductive microbiome. However, male reproductive microorganisms, such as semen microorganisms, have an impact on host fertility and health. Microorganisms may not only play a role in sperm dysfunction but also affect female reproductive health through sexual transmission. The pathogenesis and immune mechanisms of HIV and sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) are also included in our focus.

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