



Mediation of Bacterial and Fungal Secondary Metabolites in Agro-Environmental Interactions

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Message from the Guest Editors

Dear Colleagues,

The key role of microbial secondary metabolites for cell survival under nutrient limited conditions is widely recognized. The functional role of the natural microbiota in controlling pathogens of agricultural interest, often remains un-exploited. The genes encoding the biosynthetic pathways of secondary metabolites may be used as functional markers to investigate the biosynthetic potential of bioactive molecule production, but further research is needed for translating results into practice.

The aim of this Special Issue of *Microorganisms* is to present an array of different case studies where the biological role of metabolites of microbial origin is investigated in the context of solving agro-environmental issues. Applied research investigation studies are welcome.

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