



## Microbiota in the Reproductive Tract

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### Message from the Guest Editor

Dear Colleagues,

Pathogenic bacteria that cause reproductive diseases have been in the focus of research in recent decades. Commensal bacteria have become of particular interest to improve the optimal uterine health status for reproductive success. High fluctuations within uterine commensal bacterial composition during the first weeks after delivery have been observed, indicating an influence on reproductive events. Not only the presence of single bacterial species but also multi-facial interactions between non-pathogenic microbiota, host, and pathogens determine the progression of reproductive diseases. The response of the innate immune system to invading bacteria appears to be critical for the prevention of reproductive diseases and the preparation of the reproductive tract to establish a new pregnancy. Thus, the beneficial effects of the microbiome, the importance of balance, the role of host factors, and the development of preventive and therapeutic strategies to maintain the balance of the microbiota in the reproductive tract constitute the essential framework of this Special Issue.

It is our pleasure to invite you to contribute to this Special Issue.





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