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Biology and applications of CRISPR-Cas immune systems

Research emphasis:

The CRISPR lab is focusing on the evolution and functions of CRISPR-Cas systems, and their use for bacterial genotyping, building prokaryotic immunity, and Cas9-mediated genome editing in lactic acid bacteria used in food manufacturing. Our lab is developing next-generation probiotics and starter cultures to enhance human health and food products, using functional genomic approaches.

Application:

- Genotyping of bacteria
- Phage resistance
- CRISPR-based genome editing in bacteria
- CRISPR-based antimicrobials

Collaboration potential:

- Exploitation of CRISPR-Cas systems
- Altering the composition of animal GIT

Selected publications:

Selle K, Klaenhammer TR, Barrangou R (2015) CRISPR-based screening of genomic island excision events in bacteria. *Proc Natl Acad Sci U S A* 112:8076-81

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