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# Nutraceuticals and Functional Foods: Advancing Metabolic, Reproductive and Immune Health in Animals

# Message from the Guest Editors

Nutraceuticals encompass a diverse range of food-derived bioactive compounds with scientifically proven health benefits. Functional foods, on the other hand, are whole foods or fortified products designed to promote specific health functions beyond basic nutrition. Both nutraceuticals and functional foods offer a promising approach to physiologically improve animal health and well-being without solely relying on conventional veterinary treatments. This Special Issue invites original research and review articles that explore the versatile applications of nutraceuticals and functional foods in enhancing overall animal health.

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