# **Special Issue**

# Carcass and Meat Quality in Ruminants

## Message from the Guest Editors

Ruminant production systems are very important in many areas of the world and a key aspect of the economy and culture.

Food quality is a complex term that includes, in addition to safety, such intrinsic characteristics as appearance, color, texture, and flavor, which are modified by both pre- and post-mortem factors. For this Special Issue, we are interested in studies on any of these factors or preservation methods for improving the quality and shelf-life of meat. We also welcome manuscripts on carcass development, quality, and valorization. We invite the submission of original research and review articles: however, manuscripts related to extrinsic characteristics (origin, quality labels, price, etc.) of a carcass or meat do not fall into the scope of this Special Issue. We are also interested in applied research and the interaction between pre- and post-mortem factors, e.g., nutrition and preservation methods for improving the quality and conservation of a carcass and meat, and methods for assessing carcass quality (ultrasound, image analysis, etc.).

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