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New Nutritional Strategies to Control Disease of Aquaculture

Message from the Guest Editors

The rapid growth of the world's aquaculture has been stimulated by a wide variety of innovations, including the use of highly efficient feed formulations and the optimization of cultivation systems. Efforts to intensify aquaculture led to increased stress, high stocking densities, and poor fish health. Traditionally, the use of antibiotics in aquaculture has been an efficient strategy to mitigate stressful conditions and disease outbreaks or improve productivity. However, the prophylactic use of antibiotics has been widely criticized and banned in many countries. For this reason, aquaculture science is currently evaluating possible alternatives, with new feed and production strategies. One of the potential substitutes of antibiotics in aquaculture is the use of functional additives supplemented in aquaculture feeds. These additives are medicinal plants, essential oils, probiotics, prebiotics, symbiotics, organic acids, etc. These additives can act in the gastrointestinal mechanism of animals or even in the immune system, strengthening a better response to a pathogenic agent.

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