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Plant-Based Alternatives to Antimicrobial in Animal Feed

Message from the Guest Editors

The increase of antimicrobial resistance, a major threat at a global scale, has attracted attention from researchers, particularly in studies on the development of effective alternatives to antimicrobials. In this scenario, plants represent a relevant source of bioactive and functional compounds eliciting beneficial health effects in humans and animals, recognized also in traditional medicine in different countries. Substances of plant-origin, included in the animal diets, can exert antimicrobial effects, directly or indirectly, through different mechanisms of action and can be considered a valid strategy for the control of the diseases or to quarantee the health status of animals. Areas of interest include phytochemicals, sustainability, alternatives to antimicrobials, feed additives, in vivo, or in vitro effects of plant-based feed. We invite original research papers and review articles addressing aspects of the use of plant-based alternatives to antimicrobials as animal feed ingredients in farm animals.

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