



Carotenoids

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Message from the Guest Editor

The purpose of this Special Issue of *Antioxidants* is to present recent investigations on the role of carotenoids as antioxidants in health promotion and disease prevention as well as results on the non-antioxidant activities of carotenoids. As the biological activities can only be exerted when the compounds are absorbed, the in vitro bioaccessibility and the in vivo intestinal uptake of carotenoids are important aspects to examine. It is also of interest to describe the recent developments in the structural characterization of the bioactive, endogenous metabolites of carotenoids and in the use of carotenoids in the industry. I invite you to submit original research papers or review articles focusing on all issues related to carotenoids.





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