



Biofilms in the Spotlight: A Threat That Needs to Be Controlled

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Message from the Guest Editors

Dear Colleagues,

Nowadays, there is a silent problem related to microbiology, and particularly, to food microbiology. This is a major concern in the food industry because the presence of biofilms has significant implications for microbial food contamination and, therefore, for the transmission of foodborne diseases.

Today, *L. monocytogenes* is already the pathogen with the highest mortality in Europe and the United States, and one of the main causes of the pathogen contaminating a product is because of cross-contamination from surfaces. Moreover, we cannot forget the presence and interaction between pathogens and spoilage microorganisms, because of the interaction between them, which is essential in order to assure a quick and stable biofilm structure. Perhaps more time and research are needed in order to be able to include these structures as a priority in food control—meanwhile, hundreds of deaths accumulate in the statistics.

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