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Advances in Functional Properties of Probiotics

Message from the Guest Editors

Probiotics are live microorganisms that, when ingested, inhabit the intestine, helping to digest food, produce vitamins, and even destroy disease-causing cells. Probiotics, along with other bioactive molecules such as prebiotics and antioxidants (polyphenols, tocopherols, vitamins), are an excellent preventive alternative. Improving digestive health and strengthening the immune system, the probiotics have become priority ingredients in the production of functional foods for human and animal nutrition. Therefore, the general objective of this Special Issue is to contribute to innovative research in this area of Mknowledge, promoting the exploration and discovery of new strains with probiotic potential, ensuring their biological function through biological and immunological studies at the cellular level "in vitro" and "in vivo" that guarantee the application of probiotics in the areas of medicine, pharmacy and food, thus contributing to human and animal health.

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