

Special Issue

Biotransformation and Analysis of Functional Foods and Ingredients

Message from the Guest Editor

Functional foods such as food supplements, nutraceuticals, and their ingredients are currently becoming a core business for both small companies and huge pharma industries. A number of those products may undergo a series of natural biotransformations that are responsible for the production of a specific molecule of interest (biomarker of quality). To better understand and optimize the natural production of a specific compound, its monitoring by analytical chemistry during biotransformation is the best strategy to obtain the best final product.

This Special Issue is focused both on the technical analyses performed on an ingredient, a functional food or a food supplement (i.e., a nutraceutical product) prior to its market launch and on the analytical chemistry approaches that can be used to monitor, quantitate and improve the extraction yield of a desired compound. Chemical and biological characterization of those products as well as the discovery of new formulation techniques, chemical food control protocols and bioactivity investigations are, indeed, the focal points of this Special Issue. Both experimental studies, comprehensive reviews, and survey papers are all welcome.

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