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Advances in Food Safety and Microbial Control

Message from the Guest Editors

The microbiological quality of foods is an essential factor for consumers and food industries, since food-borne diseases still represent a widespread health and economic problem. In recent years, the prevention of microbial growth in foods has focused on the use of natural substances (compounds produced by microorganisms, plant extracts, enzymes, etc.) to maintain food safety. These substances have proven to be effective against both the planktonic and sessile cells (biofilm) of food-borne pathogens and spoilage microorganisms present in raw materials and on surfaces used during the production process. On the other hand, the number of emerging pathogenic microorganisms has increased over time, as has the population at-risk of microbial diseases. For this reason, the development of new methodologies for improving microbiological control are needed to facilitate the use of new, fast, and easy-to-use methods for microbial detection. This Special Issue welcomes original research articles and reviews, covering, but not limited to, the use of natural substances and new techniques for controlling and improving the microbiological quality of foods.

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