

Special Issue

Investigation of the Flavour Profiles of Plant-Based Foods

Message from the Guest Editors

Through the shift towards more sustainable and environmentally friendly nutrition, many new plant-based foods are emerging on our plates. However, the flavour properties of this novel food category, which is often linked with off-flavours, has not yet been thoroughly investigated. Therefore, the understanding of the flavour properties of these novel food products at a molecular level is essential for their improvement. For this reason, this Special Issue focuses on the characterization of flavour-active compounds that are responsible for the odour and taste of plant-based foods and novel plant-based-food raw materials by methodologies that combine both instrumental analysis and human sensory perception, using analytical techniques such as gas chromatography–mass spectrometry, gas chromatography–olfactometry, taste-activity-guided fractionation in combination with HPLC-MS/MS analysis and other state-of-the-art instrumental techniques, as well as sensory evaluation.

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