Special Issue

Organic Food

Message from the Guest Editor

Organic food is special type of food produced under strict rules of organic agriculture, horticulture and animal husbandry. In plant productions, any artificial fertilizers and plant pesticides are prohibited as well antibiotics in animal production. Only natural fertilizers (animal and plant manure, green manure, compost) and plant protection (predators, stiky boards, natural plant extracts) methods are allowed. Organic raw materials and products are characterized by a higher quality and food safety. It does not only have a high nutritional value, but also a higher amount of bioactive compounds such as vitamins, polyphenols and carotenoids. At present, interest in organic food is constantly growing. There is much examination and scientific evidence that organic food can diminish the effect of chronic diseases. Bioactive compounds in organic food have high anticancer, antimicrobial, antimutagenic properties. They are strong free radical scavengers and protect the human body against free radicals. Keywords: organic food; nitrates and nitrites; organic fruits; organic vegetables; bioactive compounds

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