

## Special Issue

# Food, Microbe, Viral and Parasite-Derived Antibodies in Autoimmune and Chronic Diseases

### Message from the Guest Editor

The processes that lead to auto-immune diseases are still under investigation, although several factors have been found to be related to disease predisposition and triggering. Among them, specific gene alleles have been associated with increased susceptibility, while food, bacterial, fungal, viral, and parasite antigens are among the most common factors related to disease triggering. Interestingly, auto-immune mechanisms have been proposed for the connection between infectious factors and several chronic diseases that are not considered of auto-immune origin. Alzheimer's disease and several mental disorders are among these. In addition to pathogenic microorganisms, disturbances of the human microbiota may induce autoimmunity. As research on auto-immune reactions derived from food antigens and infectious factors is of great importance, we invite you to contribute to this Special Issue, aiming to gather novel knowledge on this constantly evolving field.

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