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Recently, and because the safety of some additives used is highly questioned, there has been a tendency to substitute synthetic additives for extracts or natural bioactive compounds. Several compounds from natural sources (vegetable, marine, or animal) have characteristics that make them perfect candidates to be used as colorants (carotenoids, betalains, anthocyanins, etc.), antioxidants (polyphenols, vitamins, peptides, etc.), antimicrobials (essential oils, terpenes, etc.), emulsifiers, and stabilizing agents (carbohydrates, proteins, fibers, etc.) and to reduce or replace synthetic additives. However, both the substitution of some additives and variations in their use can have negative effects on the quality of food.

As such, it seems clear that the use of synthetic and/or natural additives is mandatory for the beverage and food industry. Therefore, I invite researchers to contribute with original or review articles related to the analysis, application, or substitution of additives (both of synthetic and natural origin) to increase the quality of food and beverages.



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