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Development of Food Products with Alternative and Novel Proteins: Consumer Acceptance and Techno-Functional and Sensory Characterisation

Message from the Guest Editors

One of the most prominent issues in the agri-food sector pertains to its environmental sustainability, particularly the production and consumption of protein-rich foods. In this regard, it is necessary to adopt more sustainable alternatives to current patterns of food consumption, and one of the most promising strategies concerns the production and consumption of alternative protein sources (e.g., cultured meat, algae, edible insects, fungi and plant-based meat alternatives). Despite the nutritional and sustainability benefits presented by these sources, there are still several challenges that should be addressed for their successful implementation in the agri-food sector. The optimisation of food product development processes, and accurate profiling of potential consumers is essential for their success. In this Special Issue, the main goal is to better understand how alternative protein sources can be effectively used to develop new food products. Particularly, the focus is on consumer perception studies related to the development of food products, as well as their sensory and techno-functional characterisation.

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