

## Special Issue

# Foodborne Pathogen Growth, Toxin Production and Strain Variability in Food

### Message from the Guest Editors

Foodborne bacteria and moulds present significant challenges to food safety worldwide due to their ability to survive and grow under diverse environmental conditions and produce harmful toxins that threaten public health. Strain-level variability is crucial in modulating virulence, toxin production, and stress resistance phenotypes. This Special Issue aims to highlight cutting-edge research on microbial growth and toxin production dynamics in food systems, strain-dependent responses to biotic and abiotic stressors, and the molecular/physiological basis of intra-species variability. We particularly seek manuscripts addressing novel mitigation strategies, including biopreservative agents, predictive microbiology and genomic tools, emerging non-destructive analytical technologies, and the impact of climate change on microbial behaviour. By compiling multidisciplinary research, this Special Issue seeks to advance our understanding of microbial hazards in the food chain and support the development of more accurate and robust risk assessment frameworks.

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