# **Special Issue**

# Innovations in Novel Protein Resources and Sustainable Utilization of Traditional Proteins

## Message from the Guest Editors

In light of global population growth and the increasing pressures on resources and the environment, the development of alternative protein sources has become critically important. The sustainability of traditional protein sources is being challenged, making it difficult to meet the growing demand for food and dietary diversification. Exploring novel proteins, such as plant-based and microbial proteins, as well as those from insets, can alleviate resource pressures while fostering innovation in the food industry, ultimately addressing health and environmental sustainability needs. This approach also enhances the safety and resilience of the food supply system, mitigating future food security risks.

This Special Issue primarily focuses on specific research areas:

The exploration and development of new protein resources and the comprehensive utilization of traditional proteins

The cell culture and biosynthesis of new proteins
The optimization of animal protein resources
The deep processing and modification of plant proteins
The sustainability and environmental impact of protein
resources

Research on the nutritional and health aspects of protein resources.

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