# Special Issue

# Emerging Trends in Food Microbiology and Food Safety

## Message from the Guest Editor

With rapid changes in the global food system—driven by climate change, globalization, novel food products, and evolving consumer preferences—the process of ensuring microbial safety and food quality has become more complex and critical than ever. This Special Issue seeks original research articles, reviews, and case studies that address recent advances, novel technologies, and interdisciplinary approaches in the field. We welcome contributions on topics including, but not limited to, the following:

- Rapid detection technologies (e.g., biosensors, CRISPR-based tools, NGS);
- Omics-based insights into microbial ecology and foodborne pathogens;
- Natural and sustainable antimicrobial agents;
- Microbiome impacts on food quality and fermentation;
- Antimicrobial resistance (AMR) and One Health strategies;
- Microbial safety in emerging food sectors (e.g., plantbased, insect-based, RTE foods).

Submissions should provide novel insights or practical applications that contribute to improving food safety, protecting public health, and supporting sustainable food systems.

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