# Special Issue

# Enhancing Food Safety Through Human Behavior and Hygiene Management Across the Food Supply Chain

## Message from the Guest Editor

Food safety remains a critical global challenge, with human behavior and hygiene practices serving as pivotal determinants of contamination risks throughout the food supply chain. Despite significant technological advancements in food production and processing. human factors continue to account for a substantial proportion of food-borne disease outbreaks. This Special Issue seeks to advance our understanding of how behavioral interventions, hygiene management systems, and food safety culture can be strategically enhanced from farm to fork and rebalanced across the whole food supply chain. We welcome original research, systematic reviews, and case studies focusing on innovative strategies to strengthen food handler practices, consumer behavior, organizational food safety culture, nudging management, and hygiene compliance. Interdisciplinary approaches combining behavioral science, microbiology, hygiene, public health, and management are particularly encouraged. By linking theory with practice, this Special Issue seeks to deliver actionable insights that support policymakers, researchers, and industry professionals in fostering a safer global food system.

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