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Prevalence and Antimicrobial Resistance of Foodborne Pathogens in Food

Message from the Guest Editors

Antimicrobial use for non-therapeutic purposes in production animals far exceeds the amount used in humans, creating significant selective pressure for the emergence of resistant bacteria. Antimicrobial-resistant zoonotic pathogens present in food pose a direct risk to public health by increasing medical treatment costs, prolonging hospital stays, and raising mortality rates. Consequently, antimicrobial resistance is recognized as a global threat and a growing public health issue. The emergence of extended-spectrum beta-lactamase (ESBL)-producing and multidrug-resistant isolates has raised concerns within the scientific community. The rapid development of resistance to commonly used antimicrobials is primarily due to the spread of resistance genes among bacteria, which is mainly facilitated by their horizontal transfer through mobile genetic elements. Therefore, monitoring antimicrobial resistance is of paramount importance.

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