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# Analyses and Prevention of Microorganism-Evoked Hazards in Fermented Foods

## Message from the Guest Editor

Fermentation is one of the oldest technologies used in food processing and preservation. Recently, fermented foods and their compositions have been proven to be beneficial for improving human health. Due to their healthy functions, fermented foods have gained global attention and popularity. In the meantime, the safety issues of fermented foods have been overlooked, not only because humans have consistently utilized fermented foods for centuries or millennia, but also because food scientists have focused primarily on the health-promoting and -protective effects of such foods for decades. However, considering that fermented foods generally cannot be processed by conventional sterilization methods, the risk of microorganism-evoked hazards in such foods may not be negligible. Because various food-borne pathogenic microorganisms and harmful microbial metabolites have been identified and detected in diverse fermented foods, it is critically important to monitor and reduce the risk of food safety crises caused by a variety of causative agents, including microorganisms and metabolites, in foods.

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