

## Special Issue

# Dietary Protein and Bioactive Peptides in Meat and Seafood: Flavor, Innovative Production and Functional Evaluation

### Message from the Guest Editors

The global demand for sustainable, nutritious, and health-promoting food sources is steadily rising. Meat and seafood represent high-quality dietary proteins, which, beyond their nutritional value, serve as precursors for a diverse array of bioactive peptides. Depending on whether they are processed via fermentation or enzymatic hydrolysis, the peptides produced exhibit different multifunctional properties, including antioxidant, antihypertensive, antimicrobial, and immunomodulatory activity. Furthermore, they play a significant and complex role in shaping flavor profiles, influencing both taste and aroma. This Special Issue aims to compile cutting-edge research and review articles that advance our understanding of the interplay between protein-derived peptides, flavor chemistry, and bioactivity in meat and seafood.

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