Special Issue

Plant-Derived Prebiotics and Their Role in Gut Health

Message from the Guest Editors

This issue invites cutting-edge advances in the discovery, structural elucidation, and mechanistic understanding of plant-based prebiotic compounds. We welcome original research, reviews, and short communications on the following topics:

- Novel oligosaccharides, polysaccharides, polyphenols, and other plant-based components with prebiotic properties.
- Multi-omics insights into microbial fermentation kinetics, SCFA profiles, mucosal barrier reinforcement, and host immune crosstalk.
- Robust in vitro, ex vivo, and in vivo models evaluating physiological outcomes relevant to obesity, diabetes, IBD, and neuro-inflammation.

This issue also encourages submissions on nextgeneration prebiotics, synergistic effects with probiotics, and sustainable strategies for prebiotic extraction and utilization. We seek to provide a platform highlighting scientific and practical insights into plant prebiotics for improving gut and overall health.

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