

## Special Issue

# Advances in Meat and Protein Processing, Flavor Chemistry, and Preservation

### Message from the Guest Editors

Advances in meat and protein processing are increasingly important as the food industry seeks to improve product quality, safety, and sustainability. This Special Issue highlights progress in traditional meat systems and emerging protein applications, with emphasis on how processing technologies, flavor chemistry, and preservation strategies enhance functionality and consumer acceptance. Innovations in thermal and non-thermal processing, structuring methods, and protein functionality control continue to strengthen texture, nutritional integrity, and microbial stability in meat products, while developments in alternative protein processing create opportunities to complement conventional foods. Flavor chemistry offers insights into aroma formation, precursor reactions, and off-flavor mitigation across diverse protein matrices. Advances in preservation technologies further support shelf-life extension, safety, and waste reduction.

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