# Special Issue

# Advancing Research on Quality and Nutrition in Cereals and Cereal-Based Foods

## Message from the Guest Editors

This Special Issue aims to highlight cutting-edge innovations, methodologies, and interdisciplinary approaches to addressing challenges and opportunities in cereal science. Although cereals form the cornerstone of global food systems, emerging technologies, climate change, and evolving nutritional and quality demands necessitate transformative research. We invite original research articles, reviews, and short communications that explore novel strategies to enhance the quality, safety, and nutritional value of cereals and their derived products.

- Cereal composition and functionality, and starch/protein modifications and digestibility;
- Impacts of abiotic/biotic environmental stressors on the nutritional value and quality of staple cereals, and post-harvest environmental impacts on cereal quality during storage;
- Processing innovations, and the impact of processing on nutrient retention and bioavailability;
- Nutritional enhancement
- Rapid detection methods for quality control and the applications of AI in predictive modeling;
- The role of cereals in managing metabolic syndromes and their interactions with gut microbiota.

#### **Guest Editors**

Prof. Dr. Hui Sun

Dr. Dong Zhang

Dr. Chunfang Zhao

# Deadline for manuscript submissions

30 January 2026



# **Foods**

an Open Access Journal by MDPI

Impact Factor 5.1
CiteScore 8.7
Indexed in PubMed



mdpi.com/si/239776

Foods Editorial Office MDPI, Grosspeteranlage 5 4052 Basel, Switzerland Tel: +41 61 683 77 34 foods@mdpi.com

mdpi.com/journal/ foods





# **Foods**

an Open Access Journal by MDPI

Impact Factor 5.1 CiteScore 8.7 Indexed in PubMed



# **About the Journal**

## Message from the Editor-in-Chief

Foods (ISSN 2304-8158) is an open access and peer reviewed scientific journal that publishes original articles, critical reviews, case reports, and short communications on food science. Articles are released monthly online, with unlimited free access. Currently, Foods has been indexed by the Science Citation Index Expanded (SCIE - Web of Science), PubMed, and Scopus. Our aim is to encourage scientists, researchers, and other food professionals to publish their experimental and theoretical results as much detail as possible. We therefore invite you to be one of our authors, and in doing so share your important research findings with the global food science community.

#### **Editor-in-Chief**

#### Prof. Dr. Arun K. Bhunia

- 1. Department of Food Science, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN 47907, USA
- 2. Department of Comparative Pathobiology, Purdue University, West Lafavette. IN 47907. USA

### **Author Benefits**

## **High Visibility:**

indexed within Scopus, SCIE (Web of Science), PubMed, PMC, FSTA, AGRIS, PubAg, and other databases.

#### Journal Rank:

JCR - Q1 (Food Science and Technology) / CiteScore - Q1 (Health Professions (miscellaneous))

## **Rapid Publication:**

manuscripts are peer-reviewed and a first decision is provided to authors approximately 14.9 days after submission; acceptance to publication is undertaken in 2.6 days (median values for papers published in this journal in the first half of 2025).

