

## 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.

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