

## Special Issue

# Food Gels: Gelling Process and New Applications

### Message from the Guest Editors

Many natural biopolymers are derived from muscle foods, and structure variations of these gellants may have a significant impact on creating molecular structures of gels with predictable functionality. The investigation of the gelation mechanism and the improvement in the gelation characteristics of animal-sourced proteins during processing and storage have represented hot research topics in the muscle food industry in recent years. At the same time, the creation and application of novel gel-based materials have brought new benefits to the food industry, especially in terms of preservation. We have organized this Special Issue on “Food Gels: Gelling Process and New Applications” to summarize recent developments in the formation mechanism of food gels, the improvement in gelation properties, and the functionalization and potential applications of novel food gels, among many other relevant issues. We are looking forward to receiving fresh data and reviews on food gels from both experimental and theoretical perspectives.

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