



## Pathogen Control Strategies for Pre-/Post-harvest of Horticultural Plants and the Application of the Plant-Derived Substances for Microbial Risk Management

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### Message from the Guest Editor

The microbiological safety of horticultural plants (vegetables, fruits, spices, flowers, other edible crops, ornamental plants, etc.) is important for both human health and product quality of edible and ornamental plants. Understanding the current advancements in risk management technologies can give direction to future perspectives on the countermeasures to the threats of pre-/post-harvest diseases derived by pathogens.

Examples of the topic of this SI are as follows but not limited to:

- Identification and characterization of microorganisms causing undesirable post-harvest changes (decay) in plants;
- Decontamination technologies and microbial detection technologies applicable to pre-/post-harvest systems against horticultural pathogens;
- Examination of horticultural pathogenic mechanisms;
- Development and application of technologies for product quality (decay control in the postharvest system, shelf-life extension, maintenance of postharvest freshness, preservation, etc.);
- Analysis of the incidence of pathogens from farm, retail establishments, market, and commercial horticulture plants.





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