

# Special Issue

## Volatilome in Horticultural Products: Ecological Interactions, Diseases, and Sensory Quality

### Message from the Guest Editors

The volatilome encompasses the set of volatile compounds produced by plant organisms, providing an integrative perspective on the physiological, ecological, and pathological processes that determine the final quality of horticultural products. Throughout production, factors such as plant genetics, associated microbiota, climate conditions, and agronomic practices can significantly alter the composition of these compounds. These alterations influence the sensory quality (aroma and flavor), market value, and consumer acceptance of fruits and vegetables. Additionally, the presence of phytopathogens and the interaction with beneficial microorganisms can trigger specific responses in volatile compound production, affecting both disease resistance and the organoleptic experience of consumers. Advances in analytical and omics techniques (such as gas chromatography–mass spectrometry, electronic noses, and metabolomics) allow for the identification and characterization of these compounds, as well as the examination of their relationships with genetic and environmental factors.

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