

Special Issue

Explorations in Postharvest Diseases of Fruits and Vegetables

Message from the Guest Editors

Postharvest diseases are one of the most acute problems of agriculture and food industries, significantly limiting production, marketing, and storage of fruits and vegetables leading to significant economic losses worldwide. Pathogens often infect plant organisms and live in their tissues without any typical disease symptoms at growing time and are not always visible at harvest, but may rapidly appear after harvesting and become the major decay factor reducing quality and shelf-life of fruits and vegetables. It is highly desirable to have an approach to the reduction of postharvest food losses that is novel, efficient, environmentally friendly, and bio-safe. The purpose of this Special Issue on “Explorations in Postharvest Diseases of Fruits and Vegetables” is to present the latest scientific research findings dealing with various aspects of postharvest physiology of fruits and vegetables, tools, methods, and innovations that may be used to cope with postharvest diseases.

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