

Special Issue

Volatile Compounds in Food Chemistry

Message from the Guest Editors

Aroma and flavor are considered to be decisive factors that affect consumers' acceptance and preference of food products. The sensation originates from the stimulation of human organs by volatile compounds. The compounds consist mainly of a class of small organic molecules (e.g., aldehydes, alcohols, ketones, esters, terpenes, acids) derived from an array of nutrients through plant metabolism, fermentation, and processing. Their compositions change with the geographical origin of food ingredients, food formulation, processing strategy, and storage conditions and serve as defining elements of distinct aroma/flavor of individual foods. This Special Issue aims to collect papers dealing with the characterization of volatile compounds in different types of foods and how they contribute to sensory/nutritional properties. Strategies centered on the improvement of food flavor/aroma and (or) their release patterns, such as advanced processing techniques, optimized processing conditions, encapsulation, and biomolecule interactions, will also be welcome. Changes to volatile compounds during fruit and vegetable development, growth, and post-harvest are also of interest.

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