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Molecular Insights into Functional Lipids in Food Chemistry

Message from the Guest Editors

Functional lipids not only provide energy but also have nutritional value and play an important role in staying healthy and managing chronic diseases. Functional fats are generally divided into three categories: glycerides (e.g., medium-carbon-chain triglycerides, and diglycerols), fatty acids and their esters (e.g., docosahexaenoic acid, eicosapentaenoic acid, and conjugated linoleic acid), and lipoids (e.g., sterol esters). They are widely used in the manufacture of healthy foods for infants, children, adolescents, and older people, as well as foods for special medical purposes. Enzymatic synthesis, efficient purification, and precise qualitative and quantitative analyses are necessary in the production of functional lipophilic molecules, and their effects in improving food quality can also be improved.

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