# **Special Issue**

# Carbon Dots: Preparation, Properties and Applications

## Message from the Guest Editor

Carbon dots (CDs) have garnered significant attention due to their exceptional optical properties, biocompatibility, and versatile surface chemistry. This Special Issue focuses on the synthesis, functionalization, and agricultural applications of CDs, particularly their role in enhancing crop productivity, stress resistance, and sustainable farming practices. Scope and Topics of Interest:

- Tunable optical properties of CDs, including fluorescence, photoluminescence, and lightharvesting capabilities for agricultural applications.
- Surface modification of CDs with bioactive molecules (e.g., nutrients, plant growth regulators, pesticides) to improve their bioactivity and targeted delivery in crops.
- Mechanistic insights into how CDs interact with plants at cellular and molecular levels, influencing growth, photosynthesis, and stress tolerance.

This Special Issue aims to compile cutting-edge research on the design, functionalization, and practical deployment of CDs in agriculture, bridging the gap between nanotechnology and crop science. We welcome original research articles, reviews, and perspectives that explore the potential of CDs as next-generation agro-nanomaterials.

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