

Special Issue

Bone-Health-Promoting Bioactive Nutrition

Message from the Guest Editor

Foods that offer health benefits beyond basic nutrition, known as bioactive or functional foods, have been thoroughly studied since the beginning of the 20th century. Minerals, vitamins, antioxidants and phytochemicals boost health, support the immune system and reduce inflammation.

The musculoskeletal system, essential for body support, movement, internal organ protection, blood cell production and mineral storage, could not have remained unaffected by bioactive foods. In recent years, research has increasingly highlighted the potential benefits of functional nutrition in promoting musculoskeletal wellness. Evidence thus far supports the notion that plant- and animal-derived bioactive compounds are promising candidates for improving bone health. However, clinically meaningful long-term effects and the safety of functional compounds in terms of skeletal vitality remain to be determined.

This Special Issue of *Nutrients*, entitled “Bone-Health-Promoting Bioactive Nutrition”, welcomes original pre-clinical and clinical research studies and review articles examining the impact of functional foods and food-based bioactive compounds on bone health.

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