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Dietary Supplements for Metabolic and Gastrointestinal Disorders

Message from the Guest Editors

In addition to vitamins, minerals and amino acids, dietary supplements can contain herbs or other botanicals and many other ingredients. They health or support a body function. Nowadays two major areas of interest for dietary supplement intervention are metabolic and gastrointestinal diseases and disorders. Metabolic disorders occur when abnormal chemical reactions in the body disrupt a physiological process. When this happens, an increase or decrease of some substanes needed to stay healthy is observed, such as in dyslipidemia or dysalvcidemia or in alterations of muscular or bone or liver tissue. A lot of reasearch is ongoing in the field of dietary supplement intervention in various gastrointestinal diseases such as functional disturbances as well as inflammatory bowel diseases, liver diseases, gut microbiota and disorders of gut-brain interaction. These are hot research topics: as a consequence there is great need of published data to determine the true value of specific dietary supplements for the management of various metabolic and gastrointestinal disorders.

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