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Natural Polymers and Composites for Food Applications

Message from the Guest Editor

Natural polymers and their composites increasingly constitute the basis of modern materials used in food production or storage. The use of composite and nanocomposite materials to create new multilayer barrier packaging is a topical issue. Natural polymers are used in food as carriers for bioactive compounds (e.g., gels) or as processing aids/auxiliary materials. Given that the number of potential applications is constantly increasing, research on these materials has great potential, and their industrial application can contribute to reducing the use of typical synthetic polymers in food production and packaging. Papers that address the applications of natural polymers and composites in the production of modern food packaging or their use as auxiliary materials in food production are particularly welcome. Research on other aspects of the use of natural polymers and composites in food processing is also encouraged.

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