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# Innovative Research on the Assessment and Prevention of Food Safety

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## **Message from the Guest Editors**

The crucial role of food safety in public health and economic development is being increasingly acknowledged around the world. Food safety has drawn unprecedented attention due to the global COVID-19 pandemic. The World Health Organization (WHO) has reported that unsafe food containing harmful bacteria, viruses, parasites or chemical substances can cause more than 200 diseases ranging from diarrhea to cancers. USD 110 billion is lost each year in productivity and medical expenses resulting from unsafe food in low- and middleincome countries. Therefore, in order to guarantee food safety and human health, novel techniques for the prevention and assessment of food safety are desperately needed, which encourage us to assemble the latest studies into this Special Issue, entitled "Innovative Research on the Assessment and Prevention of Food Safety". This Special Issue calls for innovative technologies or studies applied to the prevention and assessment of food safety, including but not limited to food allergens, toxic compounds (e.g., mycotoxins, plant alkaloids, phycotoxins), pathogenic bacteria, as well as viruses.







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