



## Advanced Coatings and Films for Food Packing and Storage

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### Message from the Guest Editors

Dear Colleagues,

With the increasing demand for food quality and safety, it is urgent to develop efficient packaging strategies for prolonging the shelf life of food. An edible coating is a fine layer made up of an edible material that protects the food underneath from physicochemical and microbiological decomposition, and has various advantages such as edibility, biocompatibility, non-toxicity, non-polluting etc. Additionally, these coatings combine active ingredients such as deoxidizers, antioxidants and antimicrobials in the coating materials, and can release or absorb the active ingredients into the packaged foods or their surrounding environment.

We invite researchers to contribute their original research results and review articles on the following topics:

- Discovery of new natural biopolymers as the base materials for advanced coatings;
- Natural biopolymer-based films with improved functionalities;
- Discovery of new manufacturing methods for improving the functional properties of natural biopolymer-based films.
- Advanced coatings for extending shelf life and maintaining food quality during storage.

We look forward to receiving your contributions.





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## Message from the Editorial Board

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