



Innovations in Active Food Packaging during the Pandemic and into the 'New Normal'

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Message from the Guest Editors

Dear Colleagues,

Food waste has become a matter of great public concern. Therefore, the interest in reducing it significantly increased in recent years. Active packaging is one of the solutions lately used to reduce food waste. It involves the incorporation of active agents in food packaging materials. Active packaging materials are designed to deliberately release these agents into the packaged food. This Special Issue aims to collect the latest advances regarding active packaging materials developed to retard food spoilage or prevent food poisoning. Authors are encouraged to submit manuscripts of some studies focused on:

- formulation and characterization of active packaging materials;
- application of active packaging materials to maintain food quality and safety;
- development of commercial active packaging systems;
- sustainable and green strategies for active packaging;
- active packaging as a marketing tool;
- tackling food waste by active packaging during the COVID-19 pandemic;
- active packaging technologies in the post-pandemic era.





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