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# New Agro-Industrial Wastes as Feedstock for Lactic Acid Production

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Dear Colleagues,

The aim of this Special Issue is to publish the cutting-edge research on using agro-industrial waste biomass for the production of lactic acid, especially the production of chiral lactic acids (L-lactic acid and D-lactic acid) with the potential to be used as monomer chemicals of PLA. Agroindustrial wastes include crops residues (corn stover, wheat straw, rice straw, sugarcane bagasse, etc.), forest residues (wood sawdust, etc.), energy plants (switch grass, empty palm bunches, etc.), as well as industrial biomass wastes (corncob residue from xylose extraction, corn fibers, fruit residues, etc.), but exclude pure sugars from sugarcane, sugar beets, sweet sorghum, and starch from corn, wheat, rice, barley, sweet potato, potato, and other starch-based crops. The research scopes covered in this Special Issue include, but are not limited to, biorefinery fermentation, microbial conversion, cell factory, purification and valorization, and novel process platform technology aiming at lactic acid production, as well as techno-economic and carbon-neutral evaluations.

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