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# **Quality, Sensory and Microbial Safety of Meat and Meat Products**

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### **Message from the Guest Editors**

Dear Colleagues,

There is a growing concern in the society as a whole, including the scientific community and consumers, surrounding the identification of meat and meat products. During their production process, various strategies in the manufacturing process are adopted to ensure the maintenance of these characteristics. However, preparing good quality and sensory meat, while maintaining shelf-life and microbial safety, remains challenging. Plastic packaging plays an important role in the food industry, as its main function is to protect the food from adverse external conditions. However, the widespread use of these packages contributes to environmental pollution, which leads to research to reduce this impact, and the replacement of synthetic polymers by natural polymers is an attractive alternative. Consequently, there is a growing interest in natural means as an alternative to replace conventional antimicrobials, extending the product's shelf life and combatting foodborne pathogens.



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