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Potential and Challenges of Plant-Based Bioactive Compounds as Functional Food Ingredients

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Message from the Guest Editors

Dear Colleagues,

With increasing attention on human health and environment, functional foods using plant-based bioactive compounds has attracted more and more interest, owing to their health promotion ability, natural sources, and environmentally friendliness. Plant-based bioactive compounds including polyphenols, terpenoids, polysaccharides, peptides, alkaloids, saponins, etc., possess various bioactive functions, such as antioxidant, anticancer, hypotensive, hypolipidemic capacities, etc., presenting great potential as functional food ingredients. However, they face enormous challenges during their application in functional food; for example, their instability in the environment, consumer acceptability and low bioavailability. Therefore, various strategies have been proposed to conquer these challenges, such as diverse delivery systems including nanoemulsion, microencapsulation, etc., which have been developed to improve the stability of plant-based bioactive compounds during storage. Promising techniques aim to facilitate the application of bioactive compounds in functional food will further accelerate the advances of functional food industry.



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