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Listeria in Food: Prevalence and Control

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Message from the Guest Editors

Listeria monocytogenes is a psychrotrophic and ubiquitous microorganism able to contaminate and grow in a variety of food commodities, producing the foodborne disease, so-called *Listeriosis*. According to European data, *Listeriosis* cases have increased over the last years, most impacting vulnerable populations. Furthermore, current food policies concerning *Listeriosis* does not appear to be sufficiently effective in reducing the *Listeriosis* incidence. For instance, the latest European Union One Health 2018 Zoonoses Report showed an increase in 2018 for the number of confirmed *Listeriosis*, though official samples rarely exceeded the EU food safety limit for ready-to-eat food (100 cfu/g). The development of new and robust risk management strategies should be underpinned by gaining a deep understanding of the contamination routes and dynamics of *L. monocytogenes*, its pathogenicity mechanism in conjunction with the host susceptibility as well as evaluating the impact of the interventions and food regulations by suitable predictive tools.



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