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# Antioxidant Phytochemicals in Horticultural Plants

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### Message from the Guest Editors

Horticultural crops (fruit, vegetables, medicinal, aromatic, and ornamental plants) are recognized for their nutritional and medicinal properties with high value to human health. The biological properties are related to the presence of several bioactive compounds, including polyphenols, carotenoids, and vitamins. The current high global demand for natural antioxidants for pharmaceuticals, cosmetics, food, and animal feed promotes the natural antioxidants market. Additionally, the consumer request for healthy food makes natural dyes with antioxidant properties a topical demand for food products. Studying unexplored and unconventional fruits and food plants allows the discovery of natural antioxidants and natural dves that could be used as mild antioxidants in industry and contribute to food production worldwide. Papers on assessing antioxidant potential, including studies on the chemical characterization and ability to purify and isolate natural antioxidants from fruits and plants, as well as reviews on overall innovative management approaches to natural antioxidants, are welcomed.



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### Message from the Editor-in-Chief

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