



## *Monascus* spp. and Their Relative Products

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### Message from the Guest Editors

Dear colleagues,

*Monascus* spp. are a group of very interesting fungi that have been used since ancient times for the production of various foods and food additives. Many researchers have shown that *Monascus* strains can produce rich secondary metabolites, giving them great potential for the development of new bioprocesses in the context of the agri-food, pharmaceutical, and other industries.

Through this SI, we anticipate delivering an up-to-date overview of and novel insights into the *Monascus* spp. and their relative products. The scope of interest covers a broad spectrum, including, but not limited to, the following:

- Monascus* classification.
- Genetics and molecular biology.
- Secondary metabolites and their formation mechanisms.
- Modernization of Hongqu production processes.
- Cultural heritage, internationalization, and other aspects of Hongqu.
- Innovation in Hongqu and relative products.

Reviews, original research, and communications are welcome.





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