



Antimicrobial Resistance in the Food Chain

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The spread of antimicrobial resistance (AMR) through the food chain is a serious health concern as it can contribute to the global burden of human and animal infections. Different niches within the food chain can act as potential hotspots for AMR development and the persistence of resistant pathogens. Although the high prevalence of AMR in the food chain has been mainly attributed to the overuse or misuse of antibiotics to treat animal infections, other antimicrobials such as disinfectants are of concern due to a decreased susceptibility shown by targeted microorganisms.

Conventional techniques for the detection and identification of resistant microorganisms have been considered the primary method for providing insights into the spread of AMR within the food chain. Nevertheless, more powerful tools allow for a higher resolution when targeting resistance determinants. In addition, they also provide an overview regarding microbiome composition, opening new avenues for assessing the risks linked to AMR occurrence and spread.

Authors are invited to submit research articles, research reviews, and short communications covering aspects related to the spread of AMR through the food chain.





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