



Reactive Sulfur Species in Microorganisms

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Reactive sulfur species include sulfide (H_2S , HS^-) and sulfane sulfur that consists of compounds with zero valence sulfur. They are common cellular components in microorganisms and are produced via the degradation of cysteine and methionine, as well as from assimilatory reduction of sulfur. Sulfide may be oxidized to sulfane sulfur by sulfide: quinone oxidoreductase or fortuitous actions of other enzymes. The interchange and reactivities of sulfide and sulfane sulfur play important physiological functions in microorganisms. Research on the topic of reactive sulfur species in microorganisms is relatively new, and this Special Issue will promote the topic by publishing original research studies or reviews focused on the production, metabolism, and functions of reactive sulfur species.





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