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# **Functional and Fortified Foods**

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# **Message from the Guest Editors**

Dear Colleagues,

Functional foods are those that, when consumed regularly, have physiological and not just nutritional benefits. These physiological effects are related to the presence of bioactive compounds that have been shown to have several specific properties. such as antioxidant. antimutagenic, antibacterial or anti-inflammatory activities. On the other hand, fortified foods are those that are enriched with specific nutrients, usually vitamins and minerals, that are deficient in the diet. Thus, both functional and fortified foods can help to reduce the risk of disease development and, consequently, promote health and wellbeing. In this Special Issue, we invite investigators to contribute with original research articles, as well as review articles, focused on the characterization of the bioactive properties of plant foods and on strategies to increase their content in minerals and bioactive compounds. **Papers** focused the οn bioaccessibility/bioavailability of added nutrients or bioactive compounds will be particularly welcome.

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