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# Physiology and Biochemistry in Relation to Quality of Fruits and Vegetables

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# **Message from the Guest Editors**

Fruits and vegetables are important sources of human nutrition. However, they also have to be attractive to consumers without any morphological disorders, with high commercial and nutritive value, and exceptional properties concerning their shelf and storage life.

Biometric characteristics (weight, size, shape, etc.), taste, aroma, nutritious factors (vitamins, minerals, sugars, etc.), bioactive compounds (phenolics and other compounds or phytochemicals), and others are included in quality parameters and traits and can be affected by a plethora of factors. Genetic and environmental factors, cultivation techniques and treatments, pre- and post-harvest applications, and storage conditions are some of these factors which can change the physiological and biochemical status and trigger endogenous changes affecting the quality of fruits and vegetables.

This Special Issue aims to present the physiological and biochemical changes and the effects of factors related to fruit and vegetable quality parameters and traits. Contributions related to the extended topic of "Physiology and Biochemistry in Relation to Fruit and Vegetable Quality" are welcomed.







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