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Traditional, Functional and Novel Fruit Beverages: Cultivation, Processing and Consumption

Message from the Guest Editors

The future of functional beverages depends on the unequivocal demonstration of their efficacy in promoting health. For this reason, key points to design a new generation of functional beverages could be (a) the identification and quantification of promising bioactive compounds; (b) the application of natural preservatives, to improve the image of the naturalness of the functional beverages; (c) the standardization of bioactive compounds; (d) the selection of starters able to produce bioactive compounds; (e) the establishment of proper dosage and delivery systems; (f) the investigation of bioavailability and metabolism of functional ingredients; (g) the study of safety aspects related to functional beverage consumption; (h) the relationship with preharvest factors; (i) the formulation of value-added products based on traditional fermented beverages; and (j) the stability of the products. This Special Issue aims to provide an overview of fruits and by-products as sources of bioactive compounds for the production of functional beverages with particular attention to extraction techniques, cultivation, processing and consumption.

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