Special Issue

Food- and Waterborne Viruses: Detection and Inactivation

Message from the Guest Editors

Viruses, especially enteric viruses, frequently cause food- and waterborne disease outbreaks. The root source for the contamination of food or water is often sewage, since humans excrete vast numbers of viruses in their faeces. A typical characteristic of these viruses is their stability in the environment and food. Food- and waterborne viruses cause various symptoms, and a small number of viruses is enough to infect humans. Persons infected with noroviruses that cause diarrhoea and vomiting often excrete viruses for a couple of weeks after the disappearance of their symptoms or they can be symptomless, and thus pose a challenge for food safety. We have still knowledge gaps in the context of the detection and inactivation of food- and waterborne viruses. We need more data on how long viruses survive in food and water and how to efficiently remove viruses using wastewater treatment. We welcome original articles, reviews, mini-reviews, and outbreak studies for food- and waterborne viruses, not excluding other viruses found in sewage.

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