



## **Food Safety: Microbial and Environmental Contamination in the Food Industry**

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### **Message from the Guest Editors**

Most studies on food safety currently focus on the biotic (microbiological) contamination of food, and such studies are generally limited to microbiological issues associated with the food or the consumer. However, contamination of the food environment is a prerequisite to such issues, and hence, studies on microbial contamination of these areas deserve the same importance and publication space in scientific journals. The formation of biofilm and its interaction with surfaces has become highly relevant as a source of potential contamination in the food, water and hospital environments.

Classical environmental pollutants, such as heavy metals and pesticides, require studies on risk assessment and exposure in different environments. Further, there is now the risk of exposure to new contaminants such as microplastics and nanoparticles which also urgently require risk assessment. Such contaminants require hazard identification and characterization, exposure assessments and risk characterization. Such results may inform legislation of the acceptable levels of such materials.





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