

The novel insight in food factor science

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Since food and nutritional science have got more attention in these days, to clarify all aspects of basic and applied food function is important. Many people are eager to know the function, safeness or mechanism of the food and nutrition on their health. As a consequence, vast amount of data in regard to food and nutrition has been accumulated. In addition, the intestinal microbiota also got growing attention, which is found in some foods and affect the health condition of the host. And the importance of metabolite in the gut by microbiota has also been clarified one by one.

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