

Pre-requisites: Nil

Overview of food fermentation processes; food-grade and GRAS organisms; bioactive proteins and peptides; construction of food grade cloning vectors and expression systems; food borne pathogens: prevalence, pathogenesis and rapid detection; hurdle technology and food preservation; pre-and probiotics; food enzymes: Engineering and applications; microbial strain improvement; metabolic engineering in food fermentation; nutraceuticals production; biosensors for food and beverage industries; biodegradable plastics and food packaging; genetically modified food; food labeling; by-products of food processing as functional compounds; bioinformatics: impact on food and nutrition.

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