

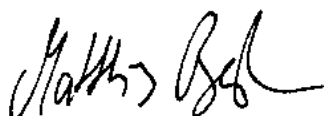
## Editorial

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### Welcome to the Internet Symposium on Food Allergens,

In Western countries allergies to exotic fruits have been increasing during the last few decades as these foods have become available due to global trade. This issue covers three of the most popular exotic fruits. The **Allergen Data Collections** on [Mango \(\*Mangifera indica\*\)](#), [Melon \(\*Cucumis melo\*\)](#), and [Watermelon \(\*Citrullus lanatus\*\)](#) summarize epidemiological and clinical data as well as their association to pollinosis and cross-reactivities to pollen and other foods.

The allergenicity of commercial food products is still poorly characterized. The review article on [Legumes, Tree Nuts, and Seeds: Allergen Stability and Allergenicity of Processed Foods](#) deals with the impact of related treatments, such as heating and enzymatic digestion, which may reduce the allergenicity of food allergens. However, the majority of allergens from legumes, nuts, and seeds are highly resistant to food processing. Moreover, they are known to potentially induce most severe, life-threatening allergic reactions.



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