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Alexandra is a certified veterinary microbiologist and diplomate of the European College of Veterinary Public Health (subspecialty: Food Safety). As a leading expert in foodborne pathogens—particularly toxin-producing bacteria such as *Staphylococcus aureus*—antimicrobial resistance, and microbial risk assessment, she conducts research across the entire farm-to-fork food chain.

For several years, Alexandra led the German National Reference Laboratory for coagulase-positive staphylococci, including *S. aureus*, at the German Federal Institute for Risk Assessment (BfR) in Berlin. She is currently a group leader and habilitation candidate at the Institute for Food Microbiology at LMU Munich.

In addition to her scientific qualifications, she holds an M.Sc. in Science Marketing and has a strong interest in the translation of cutting-edge science into actionable strategies for transforming agro-food systems—particularly through the use of artificial intelligence.

Alexandra lives in Berlin with her family. She has two young boys and two energetic dogs, with whom she loves to stay active, play, and travel.