



Frontiers in Marine Chitin

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Message from the Guest Editor

Dear Colleagues,

Chitin is the second most important natural biopolymer in the world and has been identified in bacteria, fungi, plants, and marine invertebrates. Chitin is also found in the cell walls of many fungi and algae. However, chitin from marine sources has plenty of advantages over land animal sources: (1) environmentally friendly; (2) almost negligible presence of biological contaminants and toxins; (3) low inflammatory response; (4) less significant religious and ethical constraints; (5) minor regulatory and quality control problems; (6) metabolically compatible, and much more. It has many applications, for example, in medical (e.g., tissue regeneration, wound dressing, cancer treatment), environmental, and agricultural sectors. Chitin can also be enzymatically deacetylated to chitosan, a more flexible and soluble biopolymer, with a high potential for biomedical applications.

As a Guest Editor of this Special Issue, I invite you to submit recent innovations of this biopolymer, including original work, reviews, short communications, and innovations on the biological sources and their promising applications.





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