

Special Issue

Functional Natural Compounds

Message from the Guest Editors

The growing awareness surrounding the benefits of natural-origin products with the detriment of synthetic ones has resulted in pressure on diversified sectors (e.g., food, cosmetics, energy and pharmaceuticals). Ecosystems are rich in biodiversity and natural resources, constituting an endless source of chemical compounds. Those natural matrices could be explored as extracts, taking advantage of their synergic effects. This creates an ideal opportunity for the discovery of promising molecules that could be studied as natural ingredients, acting as novel additives in the food industry or as functional compounds for novel pharmaceuticals. As a result of these challenges, the quest for functional components of natural origin is critical, and a promising research area. This Special Issue invites researchers to contribute their original research or review articles related to natural compounds and their functionalities. Topics of interest include biomolecules extracted from plant species, mushrooms, marine and bee products, chemical and biological characterization, extraction procedures, isolation and exploitation in diversified applications.

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