

Special Issue

Trends in Green Technologies for the Extraction of Bioactive Compounds

Message from the Guest Editors

Many of natural bioactive compounds are found in food waste and agricultural byproducts, which represent both a cost for the food industry and a potential negative impact on the environment. Therefore, the recovery of natural bioactive compounds from industrial food waste is a recent practice in producing fortified food, nutritional supplements or ingredients for pharmaceutical and cosmetic products. The current trend is to use ecofriendly techniques to extract bioactive compounds. Recently, emerging technologies considered “green” have been implemented using aqueous solutions and excluding organic solvents or energy-consuming methods. The derived extracts are particularly attractive since they not only reduce environmental pollution but also because they are free of contaminants which are potentially harmful to human health. This Issue will include studies reporting “green” techniques for the extraction of bioactive compounds from vegetable and animal matrices, characterization of extracts and their possible uses. Keywords

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- food byproducts
- bioactive packaging
- antioxidants
- polyphenols
- sustainability

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