

Special Issue

Application of Plant Natural Compounds

Message from the Guest Editors

This Special Issue will collect outstanding papers dealing with the Application of Plant Natural Compounds. So far, over 800 secondary metabolites of lichens have been discovered with a variety of biological activities such as antibiotic, antimicrobial, antiviral, anti-inflammatory, analgesic, antipyretic, antiproliferative and cytotoxic effects. Most plant compounds are antibiotic, antifungal, antiviral, and some are also antitumoral and could have applications in anticancer therapy.

Furthermore, plants are of great interest in the food industry for many purposes. They can be used as nutraceuticals, flavoring, dressing, preservatives, or decontaminating agents or they are exploited for their biological effects on body parts. And botanical compounds could be used as antiaging agents in cosmetics, due to the interesting content of antioxidants.

The challenge is discovering and demonstrating the effectiveness of plant substances for any purpose and that demands great scientific research effort to explore, discover, and share results in that immense field of scientific research.

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