

Antitumor Compounds from Marine Invertebrates

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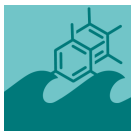
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Message from the Guest Editor

Since the discovery of the cytarabine derived from the spongothymidine isolated from the sponge *Cryptotethya crypta* in the 1950s, marine invertebrates have been an amazing source of innovative molecules, particularly in the field of anti-cancer drugs. Developed in the very first place to act for the survival of organisms in their environment, and refined by the evolution and adaptation needs of these often sessile and soft animals, these compounds are of unequalled originality. These molecules have most often been detected by screening on cellular targets, but the fine analysis of complex extracts leads to the isolation and identification of active principles, but also often to the isolation of analogues allowing better understanding of the mode of action of molecules and of the structural patterns essential to their activity.

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