



Marine Exopolysaccharides: Health Potential and Other Industrial Applications

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Oceans are one of the largest reserves of organisms on our planet, living in a wide range of habitats and environmental conditions, mostly still underexplored. The diverse ecosystems have driven a variety of biological adaptations, leading to great potential for the discovery of new products which are useful for any biotechnological application. Marine microorganisms are one of the most underutilized biological resources. They represent a huge diversity and are advantageous compared to other raw materials as they can be easily handled and cultivated under a controlled environment and scaled up to volumes. The route toward the development of marine exopolysaccharides includes the improvement of cultivation methods to increase production yields, the characterization of molecules, and the search for biological activities, including comprehension of the action mechanism.

The aim of this Special Issue is to provide recent research in the field of marine exopolysaccharides, highlighting the identification of new producers, production and/or extraction methods to recover them, characterization, and potential application in the pharmaceutical, cosmetic, and any other industrial sector.





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