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Marine Compounds Used in Biosorption

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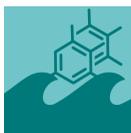
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Dear Colleagues,

A wide diversity of marine organisms can be found in the oceans and seas that cover around 70% of the world surface. These marine organisms can be a source of a plethora of extracts and compounds that show biological activity, such as biosorption. Biosorption is governed by a multitude of physico-chemical processes, based on mechanisms that include absorption, adsorption, ion exchange, surface complexation, and precipitation. Moreover, biosorption of environmental pollutants by marine derived compounds can be the basis for cost-effective, sustainable, and eco-friendly methods for reducing the impact of industrial and other anthropogenic activities, thus contributing to improvements in strategies for control of environmental quality. Furthermore, these compounds can be used in other applications, such as for drug delivery systems, advanced delivery systems compatible with agriculture usage, among others.

As Guest Editors of the SI, we will invite researchers to provide their recent advances (review articles included) on the various aspects of marine compounds and extracts in biosorption.<





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