

Special Issue

Natural Products from Soft Corals and Their Associated Microbes

Message from the Guest Editor

Soft corals have attracted significant attention due to their rich structural diversity and remarkable bioactive compounds. Over the years, a multitude of secondary metabolites—such as terpenoids, steroids, and quinones—have been discovered in these organisms and their associated microbes, demonstrating a wide range of biological activities including antimicrobial, anti-inflammatory, anticancer, and antiviral effects. This Special Issue focuses on novel structures and bioactive compounds derived from marine soft corals and their symbiotic microorganisms, offering researchers the opportunity to publish original work on topics including novel compound discovery, biosynthesis pathways, synthetic derivatives based on marine natural products, bioactivity evaluation, chemical ecology, and pharmacological mechanisms.

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During the past few decades there has been an ever increasing number of novel compounds discovered in the marine environment. This is exemplified by the robust preclinical and clinical pipeline that currently exists for marine natural products. *Marine Drugs* is inviting contributions on new advances in marine biotechnology, pharmacology, chemical ecology, synthetic biology, and genomics approaches related to the discovery of therapeutically relevant marine natural products. Our goal is to share your contribution in a timely fashion and in a manner that will be valued by the scientific community.

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