

Special Issue

Production of Recombinant Molecules in Algal Chloroplasts

Message from the Guest Editor

The algal chloroplast represents an attractive sub-cellular target as it possesses a small genetically tractable genome, and is able to serve as a storage compartment for proteins, polymers and lipids. Furthermore, the GRAS status of key microalgal species makes possible the idea of whole cell therapeutics in which live or dried cells serve as bioencapsulation devices for oral delivery of bioactive compounds. Although the model species *Chlamydomonas reinhardtii* is the most developed platform for algal chloroplast transgenics, the technology is now spreading to other industrially relevant species. It is, therefore, timely to launch this Special Issue, and I invite original reports or review articles covering basic or applied topics in the field—for example, methodologies for genetic engineering of algal chloroplasts (using either chloroplast or nuclear transformation approaches), novel recombinants produced in the algal chloroplast, and new biotechnological applications of engineered strains.

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