



## Natural Product: A Continuing Source of Novel Drug Leads

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### Message from the Guest Editor

Dear Colleagues,

Natural products are still a major source of drug candidates, potential candidates, and chemical skeletons upon which to perform chemistry. What has become obvious over the last few years is that, in all Kingdoms, the major source of the compound(s) is / are not the host (be it plant, vertebrate, invertebrate or a lower eukaryote), but the microbe(s) that live on, in, or around the "host". With the advent of very fast genomic analyses coupled to state-of-the-art computational systems, the number of BGCs (biosynthetic genomic clusters) is immense, and the number that are involved in the "as yet uncultured microbe" is much larger. Thus, this Special Issue is designed to demonstrate the potential of novel sources as "resources for novel chemistries" with the aim of unlocking more of the novel chemical skeletons in "Mother Nature's Closet".

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