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Plant Volatile Organic Compounds: Extraction, Characterization and Biological Activities

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Volatile organic compounds (VOCs) are among the most well-known plant specialized metabolites gaining increasing attention due to their ecological functions, chemical diversity, and wide-ranging biological properties. These molecules play key roles in plant defence, communication, and adaptation, and they also hold tremendous potential for applications across the pharmaceutical, agrochemical, food, and cosmetic industries. This Special Issue aims to gather high-quality original research and review articles that explore the extraction methods, chemical profiling, and functional properties of VOCs from a wide variety of plant species. Emphasis will be placed on sustainable and innovative extraction technologies, including green and circular approaches that valorise agricultural and forestry residues as raw materials.

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