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Herbal Medicines as Antivirals

Message from the Guest Editors

Herbal medicine traditionally focuses on the use of herbal plants and plant extracts to treat a diverse of human diseases, in fact, a number of modern drugs were originally extracted from plant sources, even if they are now made synthetically. In Ayurveda, about 2000 plant species are considered to have medicinal application, while the Chinese Pharmacopoeia lists over 5700 traditional medicines, mostly of plant origin. Many of the diverse plant species growing throughout the world have medicinal uses, containing active constituents that have direct beneficial effects on the human body. In this Special Issue, we are requesting original research articles and reviews focusing on the identification, synthesis, and evaluation of herbal medicine and/or active constituents against viral infections. Studies using antiviral therapeutic approaches and rationales based on herbal medicine are also welcome.

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