# **Special Issue**

# Natural Products with Biological and Therapeutic Activity

Message from the Guest Editors

Extracts from plants have been used for thousands of years as medicines. Nature offers an astonishing structural variety of compounds, and secondary metabolites such as terpenoids, polyphenols, and alkaloids have a plethora of biological properties, including antioxidant, antimicrobial, anti-inflammatory, antidiabetic, anti-obesity, and antitumor activity.

The issue is dedicated to bioactive natural products extracted from edible and non-edible plants and fruits, and from the waste of agri-food industry processes, with emphasis on novel biological targets and pharmacological studies (both in vitro and in vivo). Works employing innovative and green extraction/isolation methodologies, bioassay guided approaches, and metabolomics methods are much appreciated.

Biological and pharmacological studies involving biopolymers and natural products/natural extracts-based biopolymers are also welcome. Reviews investigating the state of the art related to extracts from "medicinal plants" or to a single class of natural products and their biological and therapeutic activities will be considered.

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