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Research Progress and Application of Natural Compounds—2nd Edition

Message from the Guest Editors

Natural compounds play a crucial role in modern integrative medicine. A natural compound or natural product is a chemical compound or substance produced by a living organism and is thus found in nature.

Within medicinal chemistry, the field is often further restricted to secondary metabolites. Some secondary metabolites are cytotoxic and have been selected and optimized via evolution as "chemical warfare" agents against prey, predators, and competing organisms.

Furthermore, natural product molecules can be conjugated or coated with nanostructures and other organic molecules to enhance their bioactivity or ADME properties. Natural small-molecule compounds with anticancer activity, self-assembly, and co-assembly functions could be utilized as novel drug delivery systems in the biomedical field.

This Special Issue aims to compile research on bioactive natural compounds such as flavonoids and secondary metabolites like phenazine, polyketides, ribosomal peptides, non-ribosomal peptides, glucosides, as well as many others with medical applications. In addition, papers addressing the use of novel nanostructures in conjunction with natural compounds are welcome.

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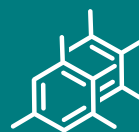
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