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Synthesis of Natural Compounds and Derivatives

Message from the Guest Editors

Natural products play an important role in medicine, agriculture, and other fields. However, often low quantities of natural compounds are obtained from natural sources. This necessitates alternative strategies in order to provide access to these natural compounds. Total synthesis and semi-synthesis are amongst the options that usually render natural compounds. Synthesis also gives access to natural compound derivatives, which can possess improved properties. Alternatively, the synthesized derivatives can be probed for other activities or properties that are different from those that were intended for the original hit compounds. This opens avenues for innovative discoveries. We look forward to your contributions to this Special Issue.

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