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Bioactive Compounds from Natural Sources: Characterization and Biological Evaluation

Message from the Guest Editor

Overuse of antibiotics has led to the rapidly spreading resistance of microorganisms to known drugs. It is estimated that currently around 1 million people die each year from multi-drug-resistant microorganisms. Hence, there is an urgent need to search for new drugs with a broad antimicrobial activity, as only the implementation of such agents will be profitable for pharmaceutical companies. Most antimicrobial compounds are derived from plants and microorganisms. These natural sources are rich in as yet unexplored secondary metabolites that have the potential to be new antimicrobial agents. Currently, many interdisciplinary teams of chemists and microbiologists conduct intensive research in this area, so we believe that it is worth devoting a special issue of Molecules to it. Therefore, we welcome studies that present research outcomes on all aspects of searching of new antimicrobial agents, including but not limited to the following topics:
Natural compounds with antimicrobial activity;Methods of production, isolation and purification;Scope of activity;Mechanisms of action;Chemical characteristics.

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