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Essential Oils: Characterization, Biological Activity and Application

Message from the Guest Editor

Essential oils are considered as the most frequently used of all natural products for complementary and alternative medicines. Their medical applications are vast and can vary from dermatological uses (example infection, wound healing, anti-inflammatory etc.) to respiratory inhalation (including immunomodulatory effects, antiviral, antibacterial and even antihistamine responses). Furthermore, essential oils are used in various medical facilities for infection control and to achieve holistic healing. The aromatic nature of essential oils lends itself to an improved mind/body connection. Essential oils have not only been used in the medical application but also use extends to preservation of foods and in veterinary science. With these applications in mind, this Special Issue invites you to present your novel research within the field of aromatic plants and essential oils with the purpose of putting together a collection of high quality outputs that can enhance the field of essential oil research.

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