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Marine Natural Products: A Hidden Wealth and a New Epoch for Drug Development

Message from the Guest Editor

Over the last decade, more than 1000 new marine natural products (MNPs) have been discovered from the metabolites of marine organisms. Most MNPs exhibit unique skeletons and marvelous biological activities, which have received increasing attention as potential drugs. This has partly been driven by new developments in analytical technology, spectroscopy and high-throughput screening, and partly driven by a broad realization that competing technologies such as combinatorial chemistry have failed to deliver new drug leads in significant numbers. This Special Issue of *Molecules* aims to provide an intellectual platform for scientists to publish reviews, original research papers, short communications, etc., covering the topics of bioactive MNPs, biological activities, and underlying molecular mechanisms, as well as related disciplines of topical interest to drug development from MNPs. We kindly invite you to contribute an excellent paper to the SI. You are welcome to visit the [website](#) and submit your paper [here](#). If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Cecilia Li (cecilia.li@mdpi.com), the managing editor from *Molecules* editorial office.

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