Special Issue

Natural Products in Drug Discovery in the 21st Century: Challenges and Opportunities

Message from the Guest Editor

This Special Issue, "Natural Products in Drug Discovery on the 21st Century: Challenges and Opportunities", aims at gathering both original articles and comprehensive reviews related to research on natural products, focusing on their vital role in drug discovery. Topics of interest include, but are not limited to, the following: the isolation and structural elucidation of bioactive compounds; in vitro or in vivo biological activities of secondary metabolites, along with their mechanism of action and/or possible applications; synthetic strategies for natural metabolites and/or analogs; hemi-synthesis of natural product derivatives with improved bioactivity; bioactivity of medicinal plant extracts and development of medicines; biological and pharmacological applications; essential oils with pharmaceutical interest; bioactive compounds against neglected tropical diseases; and infectious diseases and cancer.

Guest Editor

Dr. Noelia Duarte

iMed.ULisboa—Research Institute for Medicines, Faculty of Pharmacy, University of Lisbon, Avenida Prof. Gama Pinto, 1649-019 Lisbon, Portugal

Deadline for manuscript submissions

closed (25 April 2025)



Pharmaceuticals

an Open Access Journal by MDPI

Impact Factor 4.8
CiteScore 7.7
Indexed in PubMed



mdpi.com/si/187846

Pharmaceuticals
Editorial Office
MDPI, Grosspeteranlage 5
4052 Basel, Switzerland
Tel: +41 61 683 77 34
pharmaceuticals@mdpi.com

mdpi.com/journal/pharmaceuticals





Pharmaceutica

an Open Access Journal by MDPI

Impact Factor 4.8 CiteScore 7.7 Indexed in PubMed



About the Journal

Message from the Editor-in-Chief

Because of your expertise in the field of drug sciences, I kindly invite you to consider publishing your current work, in the form of a research article or a review, in the open access electronic journal *Pharmaceuticals*. *Pharmaceuticals* is characterized by an active editorial board and a dynamic editorial staff. Manuscripts are peer-reviewed and a final decision is provided to authors within 4–6 weeks after submission. Papers are published on the web immediately after acceptance. For details on the submission process or any other matter, please do not hesitate to contact us.

We hope to handle your contribution to *Pharmaceuticals*.

We hope to handle your contribution to *Pharmaceuticals* soon.

Editor-in-Chief

Prof. Dr. Amélia Pilar Rauter

Departamento de Química e Bioquímica (DQB) e Centro de Química Estrutural (CQE), Institute of Molecular Sciences, Faculdade de Ciências, Universidade de Lisboa, Lisboa, Portugal

Author Benefits

Open Access:

free for readers, with article processing charges (APC) paid by authors or their institutions.

High Visibility:

indexed within Scopus, SCIE (Web of Science), PubMed, PMC, Embase, CAPlus / SciFinder, and other databases.

Journal Rank:

JCR - Q1 (Pharmacology and Pharmacy) / CiteScore - Q1 (Pharmaceutical Science)

