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Phytochemicals: Antioxidant, Antitumoral and Antiinflammatory Activity

Message from the Guest Editor

Plant species need phytochemicals to ensure their survival. Nature provides us with an infinite number of chemical compounds with a significant structural variety. Since its beginnings, humanity has used medicinal plants whose positive effects are due to the presence of some secondary metabolites. However, it is not only the plants used in the different traditional pharmacopeias that provide phytochemicals with medicinal properties, but also species not used traditionally. A group that has recently attracted attention are triterpenes such as ursolic acid and others that are very abundant in nature and have cytotoxic properties for human cancer lines and anti-inflammatory properties. It is known that anti-inflammatory processes are intricately linked to the onset of tumor processes. Therefore, it is essential to obtain natural compounds with anti-inflammatory properties, emphasizing in vivo experiments. Unquestionably, the study of phytochemicals with antitumor, anti-inflammatory, and antioxidant properties represents an exciting area of research with an infinite range of possibilities.

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