Special Issue

Natural Polysaccharides and Their Biological Applications

Message from the Guest Editors

Dear colleagues, Natural polysaccharides (NPs) are a type of natural macromolecular polymer. NPs have been shown to have diverse biological activities depending on their structure or source; these include immunomodulation, antitumor and antioxidant effects. the regulation of lipid metabolism, and intestinal protection. Recognizing the importance of NPs from natural resources and the diverse biological activities of NPs, this Special Issue of *Polymers* invites contributions that address several aspects of NPs, such as explorations of the physicochemical and structural characteristics of NPs using novel extraction strategies, studies of the biological activities of NPs, research on the mechanism of action of NPs in vitro and in vivo experiments, correlation studies on NP structural improvements and their biological activity, etc. The above list is only indicative and by no means exhaustive: any new and original research articles or review articles on the biological properties of NPs derived from natural sources are welcome.

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