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# Paralytic Shellfish Toxins: Analysis, New Analogs, Toxicology, Vectors, and Impacts in Wildlife

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#### Message from the Guest Editors

Paralytic shellfish toxins (PSTs) are a group of natural neurotoxic alkaloids that can cause paralytic shellfish poisoning (PSP). PSP is characterized by neurological symptoms that vary from mild to severe and can even result in death. PSTs bioaccumulate in certain marine biota, are transferred throughout aquatic food webs, and can be vectored to humans.

This Special Issue is open to original research articles and reviews dealing with PSTs and the following subjects:

- new analytical methods (substantial modifications of internationally validated/well-established methods or their application to new matrixes);

- development of new reference materials;
- identification and characterization of new congeners;
- toxicological studies;
- the impact of PSTs on wildlife and new reports in non-traditional vectors;

- novel detection tools of PSTs production in marine environmental samples;

- biosynthetic pathways and gene regulation of PSTs; and

- toxinological studies leading to unveil environmental conditions or genetically determined factors responsible for differences in PSTs profiles between groups or strains from the same taxon.







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