



Phycotoxins: Chemistry and Biochemistry

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Message from the Guest Editor

Microalgae, including blue-green algae, i.e., cyanobacteria, synthesize a diverse array of secondary metabolites known to have neurotoxic, hepatotoxic, ichthyotoxic, hemolytic, and cytotoxic effects. The impacts of toxic algae are well documented with harmful algal blooms (HAB), and it is predicted that these events will increase in frequency and duration with climate change, threatening freshwater and marine ecosystems as well as human health. The number of congeners within various phycotoxin classes have continued to increase over the decades, and many bioactive phycochemicals have yet to be characterized, leaving tremendous room for discovery and broadening our knowledge of microalgal biochemistry. This Special Issue of *Toxins*, “Phycotoxins: Chemistry and Biochemistry”, will focus on cutting-edge research in the areas of chemistry, biochemistry, and analytical methodologies for the detection and characterization of phycotoxins, e.g., polyketides, nonribosomal peptides, alkaloids, etc. Other topics will include the molecular biology and synthesis of phycotoxins, mechanism of action, and toxicology.





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