



New Natural Products as Candidates for the Discovery of Antimicrobial Drugs

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Message from the Guest Editors

Dear Colleagues,

The prevention of the methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (MRSA) that is spreading in healthcare facilities is a huge infection control challenge because these infections remain a serious cause of healthcare-associated infections around the world. Increased public awareness towards MRSA in the framework of various initiatives, events, etc., may contribute to the search for new products of natural origin (plant, animal, microalgal, etc.) as candidates for anti-MRSA control and therapy. These include various essential oils, small antimicrobial peptides of animal origin, bacteriocines, and different plant compounds. Attention has been focused on a number of nanocarriers, such as liposomes, microemulsion systems for drug delivery, nanocapsules, solid lipid nanoparticles, etc.

In this context, this Special Issue will focus on recent studies on the modern ways and future directions to search for the next generation safe and effective antimicrobial compounds, including those derived from phytochemicals, antimicrobial peptides, metalloantibiotics, efflux pump inhibitors, etc., to control the infections caused by emerging MDR pathogens.





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Message from the Editor-in-Chief

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