



## Polyphenols for Friendly Handling of Microbial Control

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### Message from the Guest Editors

Phenolic compounds are a diverse group of natural substances composed of one or more hydroxyl groups attached to one or more aromatic or benzene rings. When featuring more than one phenolic unit, they are called polyphenols and their size ranges from elementary compounds to highly polymerized ones. Polyphenols represent one of the most numerous and widely distributed groups of secondary metabolites in the plant kingdom, being responsible for flower coloration among other functionalities.

In recent years, these molecules have gained interest due to their potential uses in clinics, as well as in the cosmetic and food industries. They have been reported to exhibit a wide range of physiological properties, such as being antimicrobial, antioxidant, antiallergenic, anti-inflammatory or cardioprotective.

The worrying increase in antimicrobial resistance generated by the extensive use of antimicrobial drugs has prompted the scientific community to turn to the study of natural substances. The promising reported antimicrobial properties of polyphenols make them good candidates to help to cope with the problem of antimicrobial resistances.





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