



## Marine Alkaloids: Sources, Discovery, Diversity, and Bioactivities

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### Message from the Guest Editors

Dear Colleagues,

Alkaloids have been serving as an important drug source for a long time, with 80% of the top 200 marketed drugs globally being alkaloids. Alkaloids are the largest marine natural product family. Structurally diverse alkaloids are isolated from various marine plants, invertebrates, microorganisms, fishes, etc. Their functions cover anti-cancer, anti-microbial, pesticidal, neuroprotective, and anti-inflammatory activities, and preventing cardiovascular diseases. Regarding the investigation of marine alkaloids, studies are increasingly being performed on their new sources and structural diversity, application of new discovering approaches such as genome mining and metabolomics tools, and an in-depth revealing of signal transduction pathway-intervening diseases.

We invite scientists to submit reviews and original and conceptual research articles highlighting the source, discovery, diversity and bioactivities of marine alkaloids to this Special Issue. We particularly welcome articles that introduce new research methodologies in marine alkaloid discovery and the bioactivity study of marine alkaloids in neuronal system diseases.





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